## **Practice Writing a Conclusion**

## Read the text below. Then, follow the steps to write a conclusion.

What if you could make your own food anytime you wanted? First, you would need to buy ingredients from a grocery store. But plants can make their own food using just three ingredients: carbon dioxide, water, and sunlight.

Plants use a process called photosynthesis to make their own food. This process takes place in the leaves of a plant. First, a chemical in the leaves, called chlorophyll, absorbs the sun's energy. Then, carbon dioxide from the air passes through small pores, or holes, in the leaves. Water, which is absorbed by the roots, is split into hydrogen and oxygen molecules. The plant uses the hydrogen and carbon dioxide to form glucose, which is the plant's food.

The process of photosynthesis keeps plants alive, but it helps humans too. After a plant has made glucose, it releases oxygen into the air. The plant doesn't need oxygen, but we do. Plants help keep our Earth and atmosphere healthy by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing clean oxygen.

## Steps to Write a Conclusion

- 1. Read the introduction, and underline the hook.
- 2. Read the body of the text, and highlight one key word or phrase in each body paragraph that you would want a reader to remember.
- 3. Write a conclusion paragraph.
  - Briefly remind readers of the main facts from the body without restating them in exact words.
  - Make a connection back to the hook in the introduction paragraph.
  - Add a memorable ending that will make a reader think more about the topic.