

Write On!

Strong Concluding Paragraphs



The last paragraph of your literary essay is the conclusion to your writing piece.
A strong **concluding paragraph** includes a few key parts.

- ✓ restates the thesis ✓ summarizes the main points ✓ an idea that leaves the reader pondering

Example Conclusion

Read the example paragraph below and the outline that follows.

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Restate the Thesis

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Summarize the Main Points/Reasons

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Idea that Leaves the Reader Pondering

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Now, It's Your Turn!

Draft a concluding paragraph for your essay by completing the outline below.

Restate the Thesis

Summarize the Main Points/Reasons

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