

The Conclusion

The conclusion to the essay is the **final paragraph** of the essay. If the essay is very long, the conclusion might be more than one paragraph, but essays of five to ten paragraphs generally have only one paragraph of conclusion.

The two most common techniques for concluding an essay are to

- **Refer back** to the story, problem, question, or quote that began the introduction.
- **Emphasize** the important points. Remind the reader of the thesis of the essay and how its major details are developed.

“ I decided to end my essay by referring back to the story I used in the introduction about taking my son to Boy Scouts. The fact that my son is volunteering me to drive and that he has named our new van says how he feels about this new member of our family. ”

Peer Example

Beth

A Luxury Ride

My son just informed me that he volunteered me to drive half his scout troop to its jamboree in our new van, which he has nicknamed Miss Betty, and he gave me a big hug. Outside sits the best gift I've ever received and one of the most important tools for a parent like me. My sleek new minivan is stylish and convenient outside, safe and comfortable inside, and powerful and economical on the road. Miss Betty is the best vehicle I could ever drive as a parent.

“ In my essay on the newspaper, I wanted to emphasize the points I make in the essay and show once again how important the information we get through the newspaper is if we are to participate responsibly in the decisions we have to make as voters. ”

Peer Example

Dan

Daily Tutor

Our world is becoming more complex each day, and it is often a struggle to make sense of such rapidly changing times. Luckily, we have an ally in the newspaper that is delivered to us every morning. The daily newspaper deserves our time and attention, for it brings us the information we need to better understand our world and to be engaged citizens. Armed with knowledge of current affairs, the background information to make sense of the affairs, and appreciation for our community, we are better equipped to participate as responsible citizens in a democratic nation.

Length of the Conclusion

The conclusion is generally not as long as the introduction. The length of the conclusion depends upon the length and complexity of the essay. An