

How to Write an Essay Conclusion

The final paragraph of an essay is called the **conclusion**. It is your last chance to leave a strong impression on the reader and reinforce the main idea of your essay.

As you write your conclusion, ask yourself: What was my main idea, and how can I restate it in a fresh and memorable way? There is no single method to write a **conclusion**, but the following three-step formula is a helpful guide.

Example Conclusion

Step 1: Overall, school uniforms help create a more focused learning environment for students.

Step 2: Uniforms reduce competition over clothing, save families money, and help students concentrate more on their education. **Step 3:** When schools focus less on fashion and more on learning, everyone benefits.



Step 1: Restate Your Thesis in a New Way

Begin your conclusion by restating the main idea of your essay. Do not copy it word-for-word from your introduction. Instead, express the same idea using different words.

Thesis in the introduction:

School uniforms should be required because they reduce distractions and help students focus on learning.

Restated in the conclusion:

Example: Overall, school uniforms help create a more focused learning environment for students.



Step 2: Summarize Your Main Points

Briefly remind the reader of the key ideas you explained in your body paragraphs.

Example: Uniforms reduce competition over clothing, save families money, and help students concentrate more on their education.



Step 3: End with a Final Thought

Finish your essay with a strong final sentence that leaves the reader thinking about your topic.

You could include:

- A call to action
- A quote that connects to your topic
- A final observation
- A connection to the real world

Example: When schools focus less on fashion and more on learning, everyone benefits.

