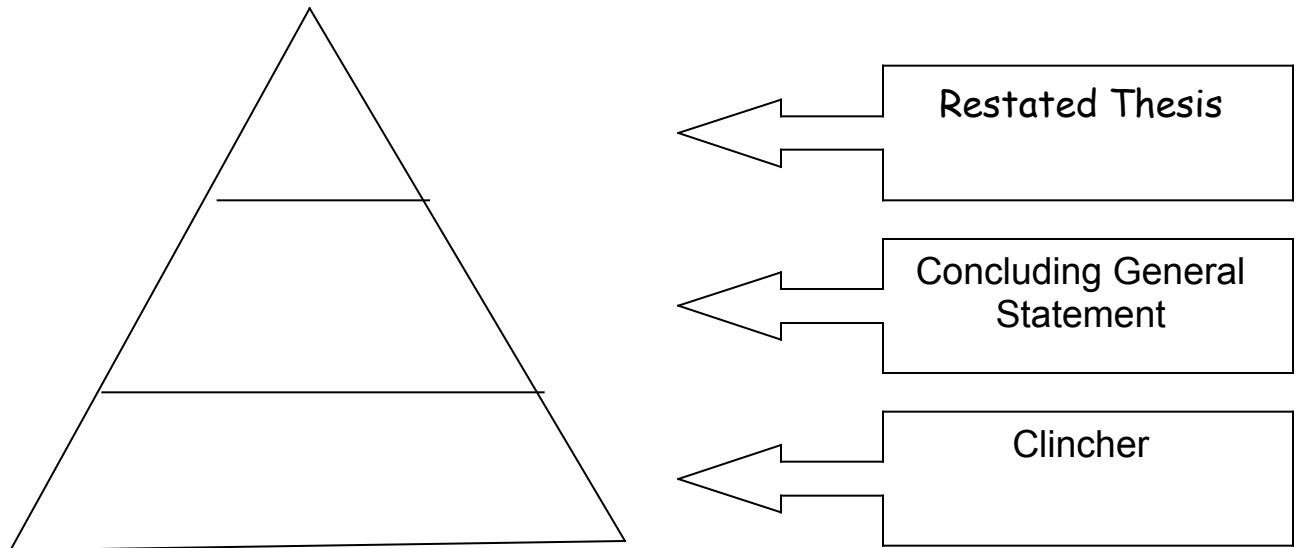


# The Conclusion



## What is a Conclusion?

The Conclusion is the last paragraph of the Five Paragraph Essay. It brings closure to the Topic discussed in the essay.

## How long does it have to be?

The Conclusion is usually made up of three sentences: the Restated Thesis, the Concluding General Statement, and the Clincher.

# The Restated Thesis

## What is a Restated Thesis?

A Restated Thesis is the first sentence of the Conclusion. A writer restates the Thesis in order to refocus the Topic of the essay and remind the reader what the essay was about before bringing closure to the essay in the rest of the Conclusion.

## What does a Restated Thesis do?

It repeats the information in the Thesis Statement of the Introduction in a different order and using different words.

## What information is in the Restated Thesis?

The Restated Thesis includes the same information that is in the Thesis Statement of the Introduction. It states the Topic and Sub-Topics (Body ¶ Topics) of the essay.

## How do I write a Restated Thesis?

You re-organize and re-write the Thesis Statement in *different* words. It's not enough to simply put the Thesis Statement in a different order. Using different words is what makes a good Restated Thesis.

### Example:

Topic	Australia is a good place for a vacation
Sub-Topic 1	Friendly people
Sub-Topic 2	Beautiful scenery
Sub-Topic 3	Great food

Thesis – Friendly people, beautiful scenery, and great food make Australia a good place for a vacation.

Restated Thesis – Tourists choose Australia as their favorite vacation spot because of its good eats, viewing treats, and great people to meet.

**PRACTICE:**

Using the Thesis Statements you wrote earlier, write a Restated Thesis for each of the following Topics.

1. Tyrrell County is a great place to live.
2. Michael Jordan is the best basketball player ever.
3. My favorite class is \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. My favorite food is \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. My favorite recording artist is \_\_\_\_\_ .

# **Concluding General Statements**

## **What is a Concluding General Statement?**

A Concluding General Statement is the second sentence of the Conclusion. It is similar to the Opening General Statement of the Introduction.

## **What does a Concluding General Statement do?**

A Concluding General Statement serves as a bridge between the Restated Thesis and the Clincher. It moves the reader away from the specifics of the Topic and provides a general concluding thought about the Topic.

## **What information is in the Concluding General Statement?**

The Concluding General Statement includes a general idea that relates and brings closure to the Topic.

## **How do I write a Concluding General Statement?**

You may want to start by re-reading your Introduction and Body Paragraphs to look for ideas on how to bring closure to the ideas you have presented. You may also want to look back at the Opening General Statement of the Introduction and search for ways to relate the Topic back to that sentence and bring your essay full circle.

## **Example:**

Opening General Statement – Planning for a vacation is often a difficult task.

Restated Thesis – Tourists choose Australia as their favorite vacation spot because of its good eats, viewing treats, and great people to meet.

Concluding General Statement – The benefits of travel in Australia make the difficult task of planning a vacation an easy decision.

The Concluding General Statement in this example refers back to the Opening General Statement of the Introduction, bringing the essay full circle.

**PRACTICE:**

Using your work on other Practice assignments, write a concluding General Statement for each of the following Topics.

1. Tyrrell County is a great place to live
2. Michael Jordan is the best basketball player ever
3. My favorite class is \_\_\_\_\_
4. My favorite food is \_\_\_\_\_
5. My favorite recording artist is \_\_\_\_\_
6. My best friend is \_\_\_\_\_
7. How to write a paragraph
8. How to ride a bicycle
9. School uniforms are a bad idea
10. A curfew for teenagers is a bad idea

# **The Clincher**

## **What is a Clincher?**

A Clincher is the third and final sentence of the Conclusion. It grabs the reader's attention and wraps up the essay.

## **What does a Clincher do?**

The Clincher signals the end of the essay by bringing final closure to the Topic of the essay. It also makes sure that the reader is still interested in the Topic when they have finished reading the essay.

## **What information is in the Clincher?**

The Clincher includes a general idea that relates and brings closure to the Topic. You may also want to use your Clincher to draw a conclusion (make an opinion) about the meaning of the material you have presented in your essay.

## **How do I write a Clincher?**

You may want to start by re-reading your Introduction and Body Paragraphs to look for ideas on how to bring closure to the ideas you have presented. You may also want to look back at what you have written and try to draw a conclusion or make a point about what it all means.

## **Example:**

Restated Thesis – Tourists choose Australia as their favorite vacation spot because of its good eats, viewing treats, and great people to meet.

Concluding General Statement – The benefits of travel in Australia make the difficult task of planning a vacation an easy decision.

Clincher – Choosing Australia for a family vacation eliminates the fussing and fighting that accompanies such trips, since there is something for everyone Down Under.

The Clincher in this example adds new information (family vacations and the problems that go with them), draws a conclusion about the Topic, and ends on an interesting note.

**PRACTICE:**

Using your work on other Practice assignments, write a concluding General Statement for each of the following Topics.

1. Tyrrell County is a great place to live
2. Michael Jordan is the best basketball player ever
3. My favorite class is \_\_\_\_\_
4. My favorite food is \_\_\_\_\_
5. My favorite recording artist is \_\_\_\_\_
6. My best friend is \_\_\_\_\_
7. How to write a paragraph
8. How to ride a bicycle
9. School uniforms are a bad idea
10. A curfew for teenagers is a bad idea