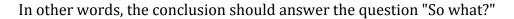# How to write a conclusion

The conclusion should do more than just summarize your paper. It should give importance to your paper and leave the reader with something to think about.
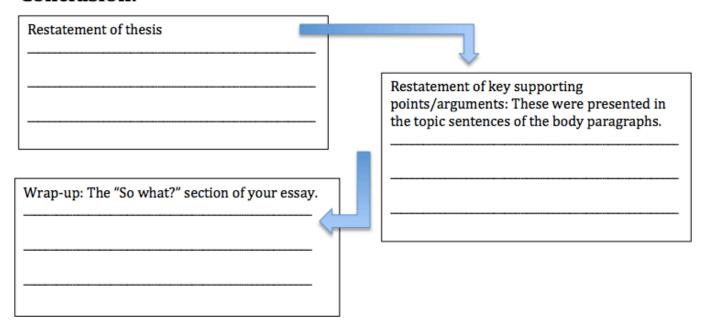The conclusion should fulfill **ONE** of the following purposes:

- Place the thesis in a larger framework.
  - Why is your thesis important in a broader understanding, or an idea bigger than your paper.
- Reaffirm the significance of the thesis.
- Combine the points in the paper, showing how they fit together.
- Provide a suggestion of how to study this topic further.
- Pose a question or call to action



In other words, the conclusion should answer the question "So what?"

Here is an example of how you could structure your conclusion:

## Conclusion:

Restatement of thesis
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Restatement of key supporting points/arguments: These were presented in the topic sentences of the body paragraphs.
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Wrap-up: The "So what?" section of your essay.
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** Remember, your conclusion is not the place to introduce information.