

Expository Essay Conclusions

Conclusion Type:	What to remember about it:
Challenge to act	Challenge the reader (or yourself) to act. Be careful not to make this too persuasive. EX: <i>The next time a child is being bullied, I'll take a stand. I will not be a bystander!</i>
Final Example	Leave the reader with one final example that sums up your topic.
Final Thought	Leave the reader with your final thoughts on your topic. This should get the reader to think at a higher level regarding your topic.
Identify larger significance of Topic	Leave the reader with the "big picture" or an understanding of the larger significance of your topic. This will emphasize the importance of your topic.
Lesson or Truism	Leave the reader with a lesson you have learned or a truism that ties together your topic. Truism Stems: Sometimes in life, you realize that... /In the end, I realized that.../ I used to think... but now I know...
Prediction	Leave the reader with a prediction for the future based off of your topic and research.
Question	Leave the reader with a final question to ponder about your topic. It should leave the reader to think critically about something not explicitly stated in your essay.
Quotation	Leave the reader with an inspirational or famous quote that connects to your essay. Remember to explain the quote's significance.
Suggest Solutions or Changes	If your topic discusses a problem or issue, you can offer the reader a possible solution.
Wish, hope, or dream	Leave the reader with a wish, hope, or dream that you have relating to your topic. EX: <i>I hope that someday I can be a good parent just like my mom. But until then, I'll just work on being a good kid.</i>

Conclusions to AVOID: "In this essay I have shown_____" and "In conclusion_____".