



ELA Virtual Learning

Composition and Reading 2: Critical Analysis First Draft (4 of 4)

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Objective/Learning Target:

Students will apply critical analysis and writing skills to draft an analysis of a chosen short story.



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Answer the following questions in your notebook.

Starting Question(s):

1. What is the purpose of a conclusion paragraph?
2. How does the conclusion paragraph aid in understanding?
3. Should a conclusion paragraph be long?

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Learn:

In a conclusion paragraph, you summarize what you've written about in your paper. When you're writing a good conclusion paragraph, you need to think about the main point that you want to get across and be sure it's included. If you've already written a great introductory paragraph, you can write something similar with different wording. It's not a place to repeat the thesis, rather it is a place that reinforces the main idea that you want your reader to take away from your piece.

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Learn:

What to include:

- Your conclusion wraps up your essay in a tidy package and brings the idea home for your reader
- Your topic sentence should summarize what you said in your thesis statement
 - This suggests to your reader that you have accomplished what you set out to accomplish
- Do not simply restate your thesis statement, as that would be redundant
 - Rephrase the thesis statement with fresh and deeper understanding
- Your conclusion is no place to bring up new ideas

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Learn:

What to include:

- Your supporting sentences should summarize what you have already said in the body of your essay
 - If a brilliant idea tries to sneak into the final paragraph, you must pluck it out and let it have its own paragraph in the body, or leave it out completely
- Your closing sentence should help the reader feel a sense of closure
- Your closing sentence is your last word on the subject; it is your “clincher”
 - Demonstrate the importance of your ideas
 - Propel your reader to a new view of the subject



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Practice:

Please continue to work on your paper. As you are finishing up, keep your conclusion snappy! You are just summarizing the main idea of your paper, not introducing anything new. You should be done by the end of the day. [Here](#) is another resource that will help you with conclusion paragraphs.



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Wrap-Up:

You have done an excellent job. You should be proud of yourself for having written so much. With an effective conclusion, you are hammering home your main point and making it memorable. I have full confidence that yours is a paper to remember.