

## The Conclusion

A conclusion is more than just a simple summary and restatement of your thesis. It is the second most important paragraph in your essay because it is your last chance to convince your reader why your thesis is correct.

Your conclusion should:

- A) Stress the importance of your thesis statement and provide the reader with a clear understanding of your view on the subject/topic.
- B) Demonstrate the implications of your claims or connections between the literature and real life.
- C) Answer the question of "So What?" In other words, why does your thesis matter and why should the reader care?
- D) Show the reader how the points you made, and the examples you used, were not random, but fit together.