Wrap It Up With Precepts

Your conclusion should:
- ✓ Remind the reader of the essay’s central idea with a fresh rephrasing of the thesis statement
- ✓ Summarize the claims and main points of the essay
- ✓ Answer the “So What?” question (Why are the ideas important? Why should your reader care?)
- ✓ Include a closing sentence with a precept that connects to a big idea of your topic

*Remember to leave your readers with a final and lasting impression that makes them glad they read your essay.*

### PART I: Restate the Thesis
*Restate the thesis statement using fresh rephrasing.*

### PART II: Summary of Claims and Evidence
*Briefly summarize the main points in your essay*

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*Supporting Evidence*

### PART III: So What?
*Explain why the ideas are important and relevant*

Why are these ideas important? Why should the reader care?

### PART IV: Wrap It Up In A Precept
*Consider the big idea you want to leave your readers with*

What’s the big idea of your essay? What is the one thing you want to leave your reader thinking about?

Select a precept that connects to the big idea of your essay.

Explain how the precept will leave your readers with a final and lasting impression of your topic.