

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.*

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

Claim 1:	Claim 2:	Claim 3:
Supporting Evidence		

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

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

