



Formal Concluding Statements

A good formal concluding statement reiterates the main idea or topic of an essay. It ties the essay together by both summarizing the information that has come before and articulating the implications of your main idea. A formal concluding statement often begins with a clue word that lets the reader know that what they are about to read is the formal conclusion of your essay. Read your draft essay. Then do the following:

1. Restate your main idea in different words.
2. What are your main supporting details or arguments? Identify at least one implication of each.

Supporting Detail	Implication

3. Think about the implications of your supporting details or arguments. Based on them, can you articulate a possible implication of your main idea or claim?
4. Beginning with a concluding clue word, write a formal concluding statement for your essay.