



# 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.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read your draft essay. Answer the questions.

1. What theme or themes are in your introduction?

2. In what ways do you touch on these themes in the body of your essay?

3. Brainstorm ways that your formal concluding statement can refer back to the themes in your essay by:

Using keywords you also used in the introduction

Using parallel concepts to those used in the Introduction

Using images that you also used in the introduction