Formal Concluding Statements

The best expository writing offers readers a fresh perspective on something. A good formal concluding statement ties an essay together by reiterating what has already been said, adding new information like articulating the implications of the main idea, and challenging the reader to think or do something related to what they have read. A formal concluding statement should stay with your reader. Generally, a formal concluding statement does one or more of the following:

- **Strategy #1**: Restates your main idea.

- **Strategy #2**: Challenges your readers.

- **Strategy #3**: Articulates the implications of your main idea

- **Strategy #4**: Makes a prediction

- **Strategy #4**: Asks a question

DIRECTIONS: Write a formal concluding statement for your essay using a combination of the strategies provided that works for your topic.

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