



# Formal Concluding Statements

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.

When reiterating your main points in your conclusion, the key is to synthesize, not just summarize. That means that rather than just repeating what you have already said, your conclusion should show the reader how your main points work together to create a new understanding of the subject or topic. Use the chart below to organize your thoughts.

My Main Points	How does this point work with the other points in my essay? How does this point lead to a new understanding of the subject or topic?