



Formal Concluding Statements

A formal concluding statement lets you know that you have reached the end of an essay by:

- Using words that signal the end is coming
- Reiterating the main idea
- Pointing out the implications of the claim or argument
- Leaving the reader with a closing thought (a suggestion, an opinion, a prediction, etc.)

DIRECTIONS: Read your draft essay. Brainstorm how you might address each element listed above in your formal concluding statement.

In my essay, I can:

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