

Wrapping it Up!

An informative, or expository essay, contains factual information, and the best expository essays give readers a fresh perspective on a subject. To this end, a well-thought-out conclusion can leave a lasting impression by adding new information or insights that back up what has already been presented. An effective conclusion can also introduce a surprising or provocative note that leaves your reader thinking about your topic.

DIRECTIONS: Below are various techniques for writing conclusions. Write a concluding sentence for your essay using each of the strategies listed below.

Strategy #1: Echo your introduction.



Strategy #2: Challenge your readers.



Strategy #3: Make a prediction (i.e., focus on the long-term implications of your essay's findings)



Strategy #4: Ask a question (i.e., encourage readers to explore your essay's key themes from a different angle and possibly read more about your topic)


