

Writing Your Conclusion

DIRECTIONS: Use the following guidelines to write the concluding paragraph of your essay. The purpose of your conclusion is to reflect on what you've researched, summarize the main points, and focus on specific points you want your audience to take with them.

Your conclusion should

- ✓ Be 6-8 sentences
- ✓ Restate the main idea of your essay, or your thesis statement
- ✓ Include a brief summary of your essay's main points
- ✓ NOT include any NEW information (should all be reflection on what has already been stated)
- ✓ Consider tone/emotion

Attach your Works Cited page as the last page of your essay prior to turning it in. Remember, any source that is cited within your essay **MUST** be included in your Works Cited.

Creating Your Works Cited Page

- ✓ Your Works Cited page should be in alphabetical order
- ✓ Each of your in-text citations should correlate with a source on your Works Cited page
- ✓ Your Works Cited page should be properly cited in MLA format

Example:

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Works Cited

Dworkin, Ronald W. "Science, Faith and Alternative Medicine." *Policy Review*, vol. 108, no. 2, 2001, pp. 3-19. *Academic Search Premier*.

Koltz, Hattie. "Doctors Offer Alternative, Naturally: Naturopathic Doctors Meet Growing Demand for Their Services." *Ottawa Citizen*, 17 May 2008, H10. *Canadian Newsstand*.