

# YORKWAC Infobase

## Planning Your Conclusion

Every writing assignment needs a concluding paragraph. Your conclusion has important work to do. Here's a brief look at what a good conclusion does.

1. *Briefly summarize your argument*

In a sentence or two, restate your thesis and the main points of your argument.

2. *Connect your argument to larger social or cultural issues*

The conclusion of a college-level paper must do more than simply summarize. You need to indicate how your argument is relevant to larger social or cultural issues.

3. *State the implications of your findings for your field or discipline*

Your conclusion should suggest why your argument is important for your field or discipline.

*Example of a concluding paragraph:*

In this essay, I have explored various policy options for controlling emission of greenhouse gases and have argued that a cap and trade system is the best choice for the United States. A cap and trade system satisfies reduces harmful emissions by providing market-based incentives rather than imposing strict government mandates. This type of system meets the objectives both of environmentalists and of the businesses that produce emissions. Understanding the risks and benefits of a cap and trade system is important for the field of public policy because climate change is one of the most serious challenges facing environmentalists, economists, and government officials today.

The **YORKWAC Infobase** includes many other Infosheets that can help you with your writing assignment.

If you want more information on organizing your paper, you might want to try:

Infosheet #1, Organizing Your Paper

Infosheet #2, Planning Your Introduction

Infosheet #3, Planning the Body of Your Paper