




Drafting: The Conclusion

Once the draft of your body is finished, you are ready to move on to the conclusion.



What are
the
elements of
an effective
conclusion?

Restatement of Thesis

Reminder of your evidence

Something to leave the
reader thinking/questioning



How do I leave my reader
thinking/questioning/wanting to learn
more?

➤ -echo ending

➤ -a story

➤ -a prediction

➤ -a pointed question

➤ -a solution

Echo Ending Example:

Introduction:

- ▶ You hold a firm grip on your handle bars heading alongside the rushing traffic. A car honks its horn as it carelessly races past you. You gasp in fear almost falling off your bike. Your heart beats faster than the wings of a hummingbird. The glossy, vibrant, red car swerves dangerously close to you. Your muscles tense up and a surge of panic washes through you. Is this really worth the risk? Should I just drive my car to work instead? With bike lanes you wouldn't need to worry about the cars zooming by and all the reckless drivers. Bike lanes promote cycling and cycling has plenty of health benefits. They make the road a safer place and reduce the number of cars on the road.

Conclusion:

- ▶ The bright sun beats down on your already tanned face and the fresh autumn air fills your lungs as you bike down the freshly paved road. The colourful leaves on the trees wave back and forth. A large smile is spread across your face from ear to ear as you bike in your own lane enjoying the beautiful morning without the burden of cars getting in your way. What a difference bike lanes can make!
- ▶ **Restatement of thesis (includes health, environment, and safety)**
- ▶ **Leaves the reader thinking**

✓ **Note how the story at the end circles back to the story at the beginning.**

A Solution Example:

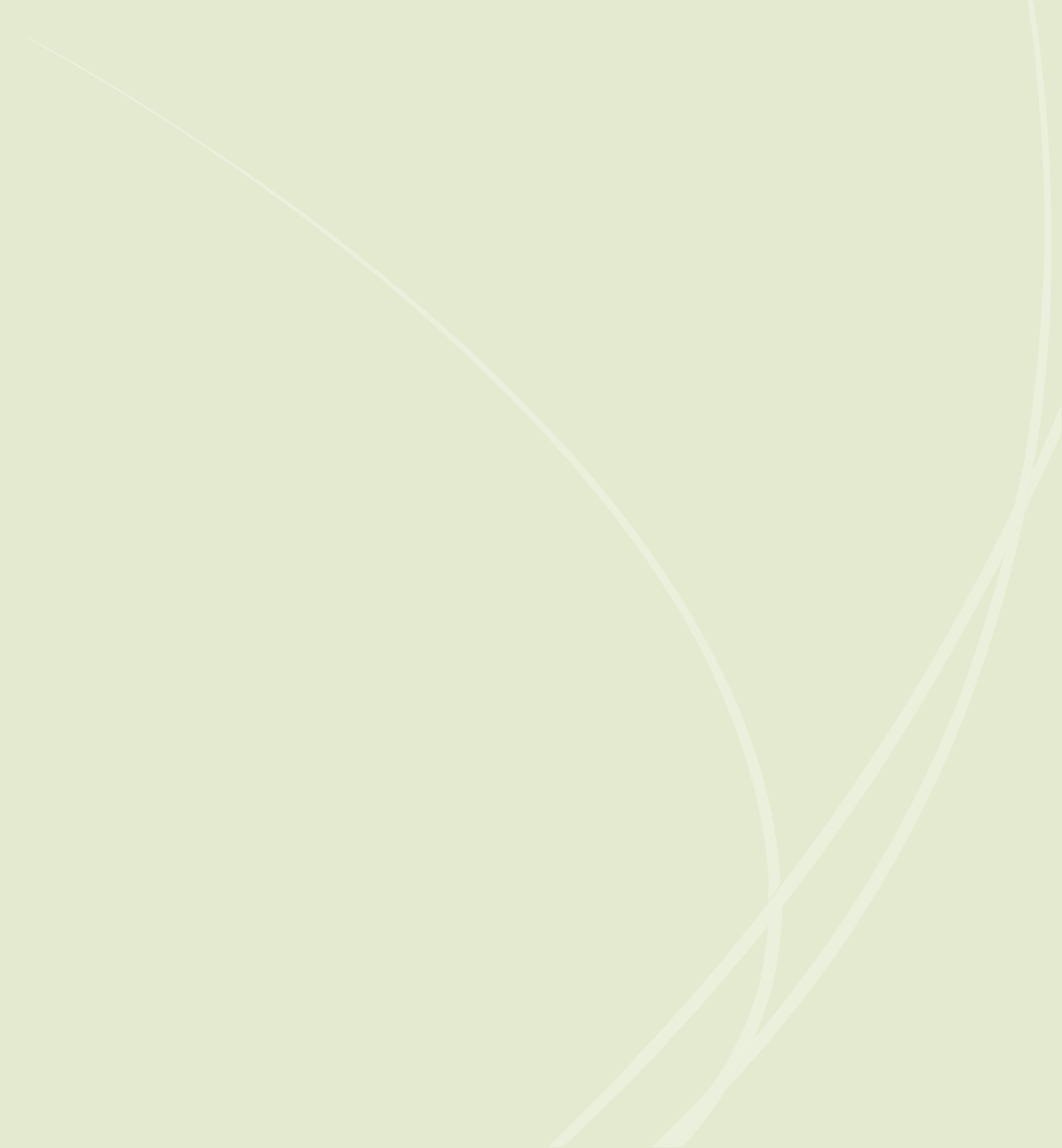
➤ **Restatement of thesis**

➤ **Leaves the reader thinking**

➤ In conclusion, we should cut out our usage of plastic bags. We need to comprehend that convenience shouldn't ever surpass the importance of our environment. Taking action will be what makes a change before it's too late. As an example of an option to help this crisis, buy a reusable bag. Reusable bags can be a lot bigger and may last up to four years. If you're really worried about that 2\$, remember all the things that could be at hazard if you buy that single-use plastic bag. Surely you've concluded that your "free" plastic bag isn't so free after all.

➤ **Note how the student offers a solution to the problem of plastic bags...reusable bags. This leaves the reader thinking.**

**Now it's your turn.
Write your
conclusion. Be sure
to include a
restatement of your
thesis and
something to leave
the reader thinking.**





Revising and Editing

Once the draft of your essay is complete, you are ready to revise and edit your work.

Persuasive Essay Checklist

Skill	Yes	No	Need support	Explanation
I have used at least three credible research sources				
I have completed a prewriting plan for my essay (position-support web, chart, something on of my own design)				
My introduction includes a hook and an argument statement.				
My body paragraphs include supporting details.				
I have used quotation marks when directly quoting a source. I have used proper paraphrasing.				
I have used at least three transition words/phrases in my essay.				
My conclusion summarizes my argument and leaves the reader thinking.				
My essay has a thought-provoking and relevant title.				
I have used persuasive strategies in my writing (ex: conventional artistry, repetition, appealing to emotion).				
I have edited my writing for conventions (internal punctuation, spelling, proper used of grammatical structures).				
I have used different kinds of sentences, with a variety of lengths and beginnings to create fluidity.				
I have deliberately revised my word choice to include effective and precise vocabulary.				