

Conclusion

The final paragraph of an argument essay is called the **conclusion**. It reminds your reader of your claim, explains why it matters, and leaves them with a strong final thought. A conclusion does *not* introduce new evidence—instead, it wraps up your argument clearly and confidently.

Major parts of the conclusion:

1. **Restated Thesis** (1 sentence). Say your claim again *using different wording*.
2. **Summary of Key Reasons** (2–3 sentences). Briefly remind the reader of the main reasons you argued Johnny is guilty or innocent.
3. **Final Insight** (1–2 sentences). End with a big idea about justice, responsibility, or the message of the novel. This is your “mic drop” moment!

RESTATING YOUR THESIS Rewrite your claim without repeating it word for word.

- Example (if arguing innocent): *Although Johnny did kill Bob, the circumstances show that he acted in self-defense, not murder.*
- Example (if arguing guilty): *Even though Johnny was scared, the evidence shows he intentionally used deadly force, making him guilty of murder.*

SUMMARIZING YOUR KEY POINTS

Briefly remind the reader of the main reasons you argued Johnny is guilty or innocent.

Hints to help you summarize your argument:

- Mention the *big ideas* behind your reasons, not all the small details.
- Think: “Why did I argue this?” not “What exact quotes did I use?”
- Try starting with:
 - *One important reason is...*
 - *Another key point is...*
 - *Together, these points show that...*

WAYS TO START YOUR FINAL THOUGHT

- **A meaningful statement** about consequences, justice, or moral choices
Example: This situation shows how one moment can change a person’s life forever.
- **A big idea** about right vs. wrong
Example: Doing the right thing is rarely simple, especially when fear and danger take over.
- **A general reflection** about the world of *The Outsiders*
Example: In a community divided by wealth and status, acts of violence often have no easy answers.

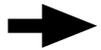
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Put it all together!

Restate your thesis: _____

Summarize your key points: _____

Final thought: _____



COMBINE THE SENTENCE ABOVE TO WRITE YOUR CONCLUSION.