# Closing Paragraphs

Closing Paragraphs are important for tying up any loose ends and clarifying the main points of your essay.

A good closing paragraph deepens your argument because it draws a final conclusion for the reader. This is the last section of your essay that readers will read and thus remember. Therefore, it should **not** simply be a restatement of your thesis and main points in one or two sentences. Such a paragraph makes your essay appear boring, formulaic, and under-developed. So, when you see “re-state” it does not mean to simply copy and paste.

A closing paragraph should still create a sense of “flow” in an essay and give readers something to think about long after they lift their eyes from the page.

Don’t forget to refer to your points in the same order in which they were introduced in your first paragraph and then developed through your body paragraphs.

Conclusion (3-5 sentences)

1. Re-state thesis
2. Re-state direction (A and B can be one sentence)
3. Summarize three points, in order, in one sentence each
4. Final Thought