



Effective Conclusions in Writing

Today's Standard

11-12.WHST.2e - Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation provided (e.g., articulating implications or the significance of the topic).

Cues	Notes
What is the purpose of a conclusion?	A conclusion reinforces the main ideas and provides closure.
How should a conclusion relate to the rest of the essay?	It should follow from and support the information presented in the essay. A conclusion should avoid introducing new information or arguments.
What should a conclusion avoid?	Common misconceptions include thinking a conclusion is just a summary and believing new information can be introduced.
What are common misconceptions about conclusions?	To improve a conclusion, reflect on the significance of the topic and synthesize the main points.
How can you improve your conclusion?	

Summary

A conclusion should reinforce main ideas, provide closure, and reflect on the significance of the topic without introducing new information. Common misconceptions include thinking it's just a summary or that new arguments can be introduced.