



Different Ways to Conclude Your Explanatory Essay



In your conclusion you must sum up your **claim and reasons to your reader, but you don't want to confuse your reader!** You have to leave your reader thinking!

Don't end your essay.....

- **by repeating your introduction.**
- **introducing a new main point that you have not talked about.**
- **apologizing to your reader.**
- **focusing on only one main point of your essay.**

Try ending your essay with a **call to action**
Definition: Words that encourage the reader to take immediate action.

Example

In conclusion, students must come to school every day to have a good job, to learn how to get along with people and have an understanding of how the world works. **If you want to be a successful student ensure that you come to school every day on time, focus on your teachers' directions and work with your peers in a way that will further your learning.**

Try ending your essay with a **warning**
Definition: Words that caution the reader that if they do not follow your advice, something unpleasant could happen.

Example

In summary, **If you do not follow my advice, you could end up with an unsuccessful job in which you do not get along with people. Does that sound like a fun life?** I do not think so either! Follow my advice and come to school every day to have a good job, to learn how to get along with people and have an understanding of how the world works.

Another way you can conclude your essay is with an **image**.

Definition: Words that can invoke a picture in your reader's mind.

Example

Lastly, imagine yourself in 5 years in a dead end job in which you have no money to buy the things you want. You do not get to go out to nice dinners, buy your new favorite shoes or the newest cell phone. Doesn't that sound sad? I think so too! Follow my advice and come to school every day to have a good job, to learn how to get along with people and have an understanding of how the world works.

One more way you can conclude your essay is by appealing to your **reader's emotions**.

Definition: Words that can invoke feelings in your reader's mind.

Example

Overall, you don't want to be sad, lonely and penniless do you? Follow my advice and you won't be! If you come to school every day you will have a good job, learn how to get along with people and have an understanding of how the world works. **This will help you be happy, get along with your co-workers and have money to spend! Doesn't that sound like a better life?**

One last way you can conclude your essay is by comparing your main points to other situations.

Definition: Give the reader facts or a situation that is similar to ones you have conveyed to your reader.

Example

For the most part, people I know that are happiest in their life get along with other people and understand what is happening around them. The thing that all of these people have in common is that they went to school every day. Therefore, students must come to school every day to have a good job, to learn how to get along with people and have an understanding of how the world works.

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