

Parts of a Conclusion

There are many styles of conclusions, but they all have three general components in common:

1. Thesis Recap – recaps the entire paper, reminding your audience of what the essay was about
2. Blueprint Recap – restates the major areas the paper covered in order to prove the thesis
3. Clincher – finishes up the essay with an interesting final statement (usually the best clinchers link directly back to the motivator in the introduction)



This is a sample of a simple, but perfectly decent conclusion.

These first two sentences combine to recap the blueprint and thesis. From these sentences, it is clear what the essay's main point was and what was covered throughout.



Undoubtedly, military mid-frequency active sonar is

detrimental not only to whales and their environment, but also the lively hoods of individuals. Although there is a potential need for active sonar for protection, there must be limitations set to avoid further damage to marine life. It is the responsibility of human beings to be good stewards of the environment, not only for the preservation of wildlife now, but also to safeguard the planet for future generations.



This last sentence looks to wrap up the paper leaving the audience feeling like a complete paper was written, rather than asking to read more.

If you are writing a scientific or research-based paper your conclusion might also include

- A very brief review of the research methods you used
- A very brief repeat of your findings
- A discussion of the broader implications of those findings
- A look to the limitations of your research
- An offering of suggestions for future research related to yours