

Argumentative Essay: Conclusion

Extended Writing Project Prompt and Directions:

Every day the media run headlines celebrating heroes among us. The firefighter who charges into the burning building to save an infant is a hero. The nurse who risks her own life to help patients with infectious diseases—she's a hero too. What qualities do all heroes have in common? What makes one person more heroic than another?

Your argumentative essay with research should include:

- an explicitly stated claim about the individual who you think is the most heroic
- a logically organized argument supported by persuasive reasons and relevant textual evidence
- information from one unit text and at least one other print or digital source
- citations of your sources and a Works Cited page
- a conclusion that restates your claim, sums up your reasons and evidence, and leaves your readers with an original thought about the topic

A **conclusion** is the closing paragraph or section of an argumentative essay or other type of nonfiction text. The conclusion is where the writer brings the argument to a close. The ideas presented in a conclusion follow directly from the introduction's claim and the supporting details provided in the body of the argument. In other words, it's where the writer restates the claim and sums up his or her evidence and research with no new information added. In addition, the conclusion of an argument might also end with a call to action or an insightful comment.

- Some conclusions offer some form of **insight** relating to the argument. The insightful comment is the last chance the writer has to persuade and even inspire readers to think or believe something. The insight may take any of the following forms:
 - An answer to a question first posed in the introduction
 - A couple of compelling examples
 - A memorable or inspiring message or a suggestion that readers do something

Practice:

Write a concluding paragraph that **restates the claim, sums up the most important reasons, and includes an insightful comment and/or call to action.**