

Sample Conclusion for Literary Analysis Essay:

When one considers the story's elements of foreshadowing and symbolic use of various shades of red, it is clear that resentment is a common side effect of love. Every child is taught that hate is the opposite of love, yet Hurst reveals that those two feelings are actually part of the same powerful emotion. Just as there can be no light without dark, the human heart can't help but create some bitterness as it seeks the sweetness of love.

Restate thesis

Use fresh words to rephrase the thesis from your intro. paragraph

So what?

Explain why this topic should matter to the reader.

Kicker or Lingering Thought

A final meaningful thought that leaves the reader glad he/she read your essay

Sample Conclusion for Argument Essay:

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In our country, it is difficult to change a law. The process encourages us to think through proposals and fully examine an issue before we ink a new rule that will govern all of our lives. Perhaps English philosopher John Locke expressed this best when he reminded us that every new law must be designed "not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom" (Locke).

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Original thesis:

Proposed laws to ban energy drink sales to minors are well-intentioned but short-sighted because the legislators' claims not only lack scientific support, but also insult responsible citizens.

Restate thesis

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Answer the "So what?"

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Sample Conclusion Paragraph (Argument)

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