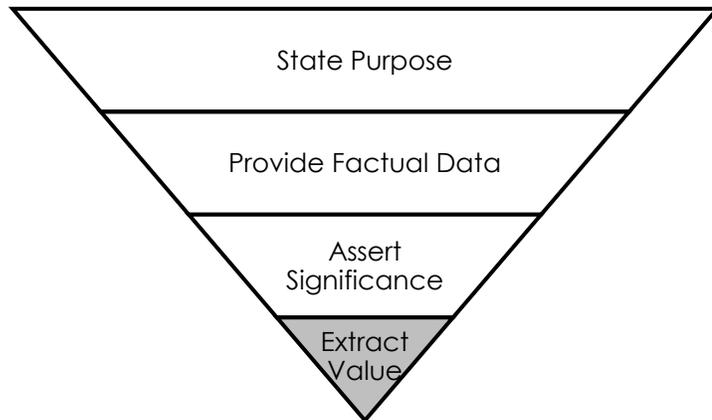


Conclusion Sentences

A **conclusion sentence** delivers a review of the paragraph and asserts its “big picture” value.



The diagram explains the logical progression of a body paragraph: The topic sentence states the purpose of the paragraph. Facts and details provide specific evidence for support. Analysis asserts the significance of the evidence. The conclusion sentence extracts the value in the paragraph.

Review + Value

An effective conclusion sentence provides a concise **review** of the body paragraph's content. The conclusion sentence should make a connection between the controlling idea of the essay and the main idea of the paragraph without introducing any new information.

To elevate the conclusion sentence beyond a simple review, it is essential to emphasize the “big picture” **value** of the points brought forth in the paragraph. This clarifies the paragraph's significance and reinforces the argument's greater purpose.

Conclusion Sentences must:

- Return to the idea expressed in the topic sentence.
- Briefly review and summarize the contents of the paragraph.
- Place emphasis on the value of the information analyzed in the paragraph.

Ask yourself ...

- Does the conclusion sentence effectively summarize the content of the paragraph?
- Does it reinforce the main point of your paragraph and elevate its overall value?
- Does it make a relevant connection to the essay's thesis statement?