

Writing Conclusions

Remember that conclusions restate or allude to the thesis, and then point to the future in some way: they recommend action, make a prediction or final judgement, sometimes warn or caution.

In each case, what was the thesis? What strategy is being used to bring the conclusion to closure?

I. Experience has shown us that harsh punishment will do little to change the behavior of those in power in Burma. It is positive interaction that is needed. Unilateral sanctions against Burma will not bring Myanmar anywhere nearer to achieving its ultimate goal of democracy. Instead, sanctions will only inflict more pain and suffering on the Burmese people. The first move in the right direction is to drop the sanctions and drop them soon.

II. The time has come for Congress to accept its moral responsibility, to allow the entrance of Puerto Rico as a full partner, and to end the colonial remnants of our relationship. The Puerto Rican nation should be integrated into the union as an equal partner with the fifty states. The Puerto Rican people have demanded a resolution. Many of us believe that the only reasonable solution is for our representatives to take their proper seats in Congress as voting members of the American nation with full rights of citizenship.

III. Separate housing for freshmen will foster a sense of community and student identity. We must never forget that when people are put into new situations, they gain new perspectives, make new discoveries, and learn to make critical comparisons. Therefore, it is time to end our artificial campus divisions and choose the realistic option. Housing freshmen separately from upperclassmen will bring out their own spirits and abilities and help them to learn to make their own decisions, which is the purpose of a college education.

IV. Space exploration is indeed unnecessary, considering its countless risks and expenses. Even though many people believe that curiosity is what drives us forward, I believe that curiosity may just destroy us. People often fantasize about finding beings of a higher intelligence that can solve all the problems of earth, but what if these beings are hostile? We should wake up from our fantasies. If we want to solve the problems on the earth, we have to be practical and attack the problems here instead of looking for answers in space. We should reduce funds for space exploration and increase funding for research more relevant to our lives. By so doing, our economy can truly benefit from its resources and our lives can improve.