

Literary Essay Conclusion

Goal - wrap up the essay by connecting to the idea you began with in the introduction

Things you may include:

1. Connection to the opening
2. Restate the thesis
3. Summarize the main points
4. Explain the importance - Tell why your view on this is relevant. You can do this by making a personal connection between the story and your life or the world.
5. Give reader a mission - End with a final great thought for the reader to ponder and/or give the reader an action to take.

Sample Conclusions

A Christmas Carol has remained popular for over 150 years because it addresses a basic question with which many people still struggle---the relative value of financial success and kindness. The play answers this question by showing that financial success offers no guarantee of happiness and love, but kindness brings many rewards. If society today would take this lesson seriously, all would benefit.

The search for what makes a life meaningful will continue to haunt mankind. While some look for meaning in adventure and some seek it in wealth, A Christmas Carol seems to say that life's purpose can be found in treating others with thoughtfulness and respect. Such kindness and generosity will repay the giver many times over with a life full of value and meaning.

In Charlotte's Web, the author shows that a real friend will help you even if he or she has nothing to gain from doing so. Reading this book made me realize how important it is to help others. Being a good friend means being there when you are needed.