

WRITING A STRONG CONCLUSION

Now we are ready to end the essay. To begin this process, put all of your paragraphs in the correct order: introduction followed by all of your body paragraphs in the order you'd like them. Read through these paragraphs from beginning to end to get a feel for how they flow together. Now compose your final paragraph by addressing this "So what?" question:

What does the reader learn from the book and its exploration of these topics? How does the additional research change/enhance your understanding of the book? What is the impact of the author's decisions regarding the book's accuracy?

Use the space below to write your paragraph. Remember to use your best writing skills! You will be evaluated on the elements listed above as well as your ability to write complete sentences (no fragments or run-ons) and to adhere to basic rules of mechanics/punctuation.

(Use the author's name and/or the title of the book in the opening sentence): _____

(Consider ending with a theme statement about your book): _____

****There should be no parenthetical citations in this concluding paragraph.
These are your own words and your own ideas.****

SAMPLE

The setting Sue Monk Kidd creates in *The Secret Life of Bees* allows the reader to experience the Civil Rights Movement through the lives of its characters. Seeing everything through the eyes of both white and black characters gives readers a sense of the racial divide that existed in the 1960s. It also shows that individual relationships like those between Lily and her new friends were really important in helping to solve the problem of racism in America. Throughout this novel, Kidd proves that kindness and respect for one another are key ingredients for major social change.