

Conclusion

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First, bring the reader back to the introduction by reconnecting to a statement made there.

Example:

Is the cost of safety worth the price a company must pay to ensure safety?

Second, summarize the evidence presented in the body paragraphs.

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The evidence provided in the examples of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station and Union Carbide would suggest that safety is worth the price.

Third, leave the reader with a memorable message or a call to action, for your final words are what the reader will take away from the paper.

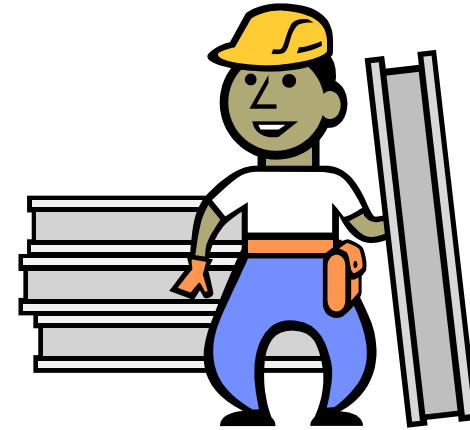
Example:

Certainly if the lives of one's loved ones or of oneself are at stake, safety is worth whatever it costs, so it is the responsibility of every worker to identify and eliminate safety hazards in the workplace.

Now, observe how the three parts go together in the conclusion.

Is the cost of safety worth the price a company must pay to ensure safety? The evidence provided in the examples of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station and Union Carbide would suggest that safety is worth the price. Certainly if the lives of one's loved ones or of oneself are at stake, safety is worth whatever it costs, so it is the responsibility of every worker to identify and eliminate safety hazards in the workplace.

Constructing an Essay: Introduction, Body, Conclusion



An essay is organized into parts that are similar to that old recommendation about making a public speech: first, tell them what you are going to tell them; next, tell them; and finally, remind them what you told them. Each of these three parts—the introduction, the body, and the conclusion—has its own three functions.

Introduction	Grab the reader's interest Bring in the general topic for the paper State the thesis or specific point of the essay
Body	Say what the evidence is Give a concrete example of the evidence Tell why the evidence is important
Conclusion	Reconnect to the introduction Summarize the evidence Leave memorable message for the reader

On the following pages, these three parts of the essay will be explained in detail, and examples will be provided.

