Writing a narrative conclusion (W.4.3e; W.5.3e)

A good conclusion wraps up the story and leaves your reader with something to think about.

I. Choose the type of conclusion you want to write. Check one box.

- [ ] Tie up your story’s loose ends and refer back to your introduction.
- [ ] Tie up your story’s loose ends and give your opinion about what happened.
- [ ] Tie up your story’s loose ends and give a hint about what might happen in the future.
- [ ] Tie up your story’s loose ends and end with a quote from a character. (This should remind your reader about something from the story.)
- [ ] Tie up your story’s loose ends and end with a question.
- [ ] Tie up your story’s loose ends and end with a hint about the lesson a character learned in the story.

II. Answer each loose end question. If you did not tie up a loose end in your story, be sure to tie up that loose end in your conclusion.

- [ ] How was the problem solved?
- [ ] What are characters’ reactions to the problem’s solution?
- [ ] What are the main and other characters’ final actions?
- [ ] What is the most important thing you want a reader to remember about the story?

III. Draft your conclusion.

Conclusion

Note to the teacher: After a student has drafted a real or an imagined narrative, have her use a copy of this page to plan and draft her conclusion.