

CONCLUSIONS

Explanatory Writing

The end of something you write can be remarkably important, as it leaves a reader with a final impression of your thoughts and ideas.

THINGS TO DO

Start your conclusion with a **transition word** or **transitional phrase**, as a clue to the reader.

Include your **main idea in a fresh and interesting way**.

Briefly restate your main points. If you can do this in one sentence, do so.

Aim to sound **authoritative**, believable, and unapologetic--believe that people want to hear your ideas!

End with some pizzazz. Pay careful attention to your very **last sentence**--perhaps include a technique such as **emphasize a key idea, add new insight, or refer back to the beginning.**

Keep it **short and sweet!**

THINGS TO AVOID

Don't introduce new ideas. If they are important, include them in your earlier paragraphs.

Don't be unbalanced--instead carefully acknowledge each of your paragraphs or ideas.

Don't summarize by repeating previous sentences word-for-word. Give a new twist to your thoughts.

Don't go on and on... A conclusion should only be a few lines long.

ANALYZE THE CONCLUSION

Where is the transition, the topic sentence, the summary main points in paragraph? What role does last sentence

Now you can see how living through the Great Depression was very difficult and impacted many people who lived through it. It affected people in many ways like having little or no money. Also, if you were a kid it might have been even more challenging. People also had to live with less supplies. I was saddened by learning about this tough time in history.