**Conclusion Paragraph**

**A conclusion paragraph should be no shorter than 3 sentences (because a paragraph is AT LEAST three sentences), and no longer than 5 or 6 (because then you are likely talking too much). Conclusion paragraphs begin with a very specific idea (your RESTATED – not rewritten – thesis statement) and end with a very general idea. Use this basic template to structure your conclusion paragraph.**

**Restated thesis** *(1-2 sentences that contain a* ***subject*** *– what you are writing about – and an* ***opinion*** *– what you think or chose to argue about the subject. The restated thesis should remind your reader of what your original argument was…)*

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**Broader Focus** *(1-2 sentences that compare / contrast the characters/ideas/themes that you discussed in your essay with similar characters/ideas/themes from the same genre or time period. What makes your focus unique?)*

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**Global Statement** *(1-2 sentences that apply the most important themes / ideas from your topic to “real life”. How is this topic relevant or revealing for our culture / society NOW?)*

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