

The Peace of Wild Things Formative Assessment 6

I can draft a concluding paragraph using what I have learned about strong conclusions.

Directions: Using what you have learned about good conclusions, draft your concluding paragraph for your reflective essay.

Remember what you have learned about effective conclusions:

- Effective conclusions often **open with a thesis restatement**. This means that good writers remind readers of their main ideas and purpose without copying the original language of their thesis statement.
- Good writers leave their readers with **something valuable to consider and/or to do**. For example, they may speculate about what may happen in the future. They might make valuable connections to their readers' lives and interests. Or they might call their readers to action, offering suggestions about how to respond.
- The bottom line: good writers generally do not rely solely on a thesis restatement to end their essays.