

Sample Concluding Paragraph for Response to Literature Essay

Sample One

Introduction:

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4. **Thesis:**
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Conclusion:

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2. **Restate the thesis in different words:**
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3. **End with something to make the reader think:**
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