



# Adding the Blues

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- Blues decorate your thesis
  - Add information

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- Introductions
- Conclusions



# **Conclusions**

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- Ties your essay together
- Summarizing
- Final thoughts



# Conclusions

- Remind reader of your topic.
- Use synonyms to replace key words in thesis statement.

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Restate your thesis but  
change key words!

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Example:

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- Encourage readers to take action
- Convince the reader of your position
- Challenge reader to think

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- Which should you use?
  - Convince the reader of your position
  - Challenge reader to think

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Convince the reader of your position

--Your position is how the person/event shaped you

# Conclusions

Ask yourself “So What”

My grandparents were very important in shaping who I am today.

**So What?**

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It's important because my values are passed on to others.

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Challenge reader to think

--What would your life be like had this person/event not done anything to impact you?

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What would life be like?

-- If it weren't for my grandparents, who knows what I would be like. I could possibly be somebody that recklessly spends money and has credit problems.....

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