

SYA Guide

Restate Question

- It is often better to phrase as a statement.
- This is called your *thesis* and everything will connect back to it.
- you may need to include basic background information to set context.

Support Paragraphs

- Topic sentence - introduce the example or quote you are using.
- Explain and discuss how it connects back to your thesis.
- Be clear - what does the example or quote show?
- Avoid too much retelling from the source or listing items of evidence without elaboration or discussion.

Repeat for each quote or example used - new paragraph

Conclusion

- Restate the thesis.
- Avoid using language like “in conclusion” or “that is why I think”
- Strong concluding sentence

Concluding sentences can be difficult to write. Your job is to help your audience reflect on what they have just read. Don't make a new argument, but suggest a possibility, make a prediction, ask a question, connect your thesis to a larger idea, or select a quote that seems to capture the thesis.