Expository writing

Analyze Prompt → Prewriting → Determine quality reasons → Elaboration maps → Write an opening

Orally rehearse/add transitions → Write rough → Write closing

So what? So why? Drop the mic

global

distinctly different

hook

bridge

TAG

thesis
A writer needs to keep in mind that the conclusion is often what a reader remembers best. The conclusion should be the best part of the composition. It should:

- Stress the importance of the opinion statement.
- Give the essay a sense of completeness.
- Leave a final impression on the reader.
- Synthesize, rather than summarize.
  - Do not simply repeat things that were in your composition. They have read it. Show them how the points you made and the support and examples you used were not random, but fit together.
- Redirect your readers. Give your reader something to think about, perhaps a way to use your ideas in the “real” world.
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Prior to the operation, Charlie maintained much simpler relationships with people because he never understood the complex, obscure meanings behind their actions and words. The operation unlocked a world he never knew existed before. His greater understanding caused loss and loneliness; however, it also brought much more: awareness and love. The operation may have failed him, but for those he touched and loved, his lessons will not be forgotten. The all too obvious reminder mirrors an even greater lesson: Love never fails. With this, we have renewed hope in Charlie’s decision to have the surgery. Even though his intelligence was not timeless, what he gave others was timeless. He continued to have faith and hope in his future; and the greatest of these which he experienced - love - all happened because he had the courage to take a chance.
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Closing:
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Make a personal connection.

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