

## Writing Argument Conclusions

Your concluding paragraph should contain two parts:  
a restatement of your topic and thesis, and a memorable final thought.

### RESTATEMENT OF TOPIC AND THESIS

The conclusion is where you synthesize your main ideas and emphasize the point of your essay without sounding repetitive. Depending on your topic and your arguments, this part of your conclusion could be just one sentence, or it may take a few sentences.

When writing your conclusion it is always helpful to go back to your introduction and examine how you wrote your topic and thesis. Then, pull out the key ideas and try to say the same thing in a new way.

Let's look at the introduction paragraph from my pizza example:

*Mmmm...do you smell that? Fresh from the oven, the scents of hot bread, spicy pepperoni, and melted cheese make my mouth water. Pizza! While loved by almost everyone, this pie of spicy deliciousness **has a bad reputation for being an unhealthy meal option**. Yet, it is really that bad? People around the globe are beginning to see pizza differently. The truth is, **when the right ingredients and cooking methods are used, pizza is actually quite healthy.***

In this example, my topic is that **pizza has a bad reputation for being unhealthy**, and my thesis is that **with the right ingredients pizza is actually quite healthy**. Therefore, my conclusion will need to restate these ideas without being repetitive.

For example,

***When it comes to guilty pleasure foods, pizza has been at the top of the list for a long time. Yet, as you can see, it no longer belongs on that list. Thankfully, pizza can be whole-heartedly enjoyed, even at the dinner tables of super health conscious eaters, because thoughtfully made pizza is a healthy, guilt-free meal choice.***

## MEMORABLE FINAL THOUGHT

You want to end your essay with something the reader will remember, a final thought that will stay with them and cause them to continue thinking about your argument long after they have finished reading your essay. This is your last sentence, so make it memorable!

Here are a couple ways you can make your final thought memorable for your reader:

### 1. Call to Action

So, the next time you are in the mood for a delicious meal that is good for you, think pizza, and indulge!

### 2. Thought Provoking Question

So, are you ready to see pizza in a new way?

So, putting all the pieces together, a sample conclusion paragraph in an essay arguing pizza is healthy might look something like this:

*When it comes to guilty pleasure foods, pizza has been at the top of the list for a long time. Yet, as you can see, it no longer belongs on that list. Thankfully, pizza can be whole-heartedly enjoyed, even at the dinner tables of super health conscious eaters, because thoughtfully made pizza is a healthy, guilt-free meal choice. So, the next time you are in the mood for a delicious meal that is good for you, think pizza, and indulge!*