

Access 4

Skill: Conclusions

Conclusion

- The final paragraph or section of a narrative or story
- The ending of a narrative is sometimes called the resolution
- The problem or conflict in the story is resolved
- The narrator may leave the reader with a final message or lesson

Restate the Definition

Review the bullet points about conclusions and then define what a conclusion is in your own words. Use complete sentences in your definition.

Conclusion: _____

*W.6.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

*SL.6.1c Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comment that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.

Underline Key Words

Read the excerpt conclusion from *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* to see how elements of a conclusion are used to construct the final paragraph or section of a narrative. Find and underline words and phrases that provide textual evidence of the three elements of a conclusion, listed in the left-hand column.

Elements of a Conclusion	Excerpt Conclusion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conflict is resolved. • Author shows how the main character or characters resolved the conflict. • Author gives a memorable comment from the narrator or a character to help the reader understand the theme. 	<p>"Now, you have to choose between two roads." Thin-Face looked straight into my eyes. "You can break with your family and follow Chairman Mao, or you can follow your father and become an enemy of the people." His voice grew more severe. "In that case we would have many more study sessions, with your brother and sister too, and the Red Guard Committee and the school leaders. Think about it. We will come back to talk to you again."</p> <p>Thin-Face and the woman left, saying they would be back to get my statement. Without knowing how I got there, I found myself in a narrow passageway between the school building and the school-yard wall. The gray concrete walls closed around me and a slow drizzle dampened my cheeks. I could not go back to the classroom, and I could not go home. I felt like a small animal that had fallen into a trap, alone and helpless, and sure that the hunter was coming.</p>

*RL.6.1 Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Write a Story Ending

Use the questions below to plan and organize your story ending.

How is the problem in your story resolved?

Is there anything you want to let the reader know about your story characters, such as how they feel, what they learned, or what happens to them after the story ends?

Do you want to have your narrator leave a memorable comment or statement about the message or lesson in the story?

Write your story ending.

*W.6.3e Provide a conclusion that follows from the narrated experiences or events.