

# Strong Conclusions in Argumentative Writing

- **A Strong Conclusion Should:**

- reinforce that your thesis (claim) has been proven
- give the essay a sense of completeness and closure
- leave an impression on the reader

- **A Strong Conclusion Should NOT:**

- simply summarize what has already been said—especially in shorter essays  
Synthesize **YES**, Summarize **NO**
- simply rephrase the thesis
- introduce a new piece of evidence or subtopic

**Conclusion Techniques and Examples:** The following examples provide a sampling of techniques used by writers. This is not a comprehensive list and should not be used as the only options open to a writer.

**A Look to the Future:**

Imagine a school where there is no pressure to conform to fashion magazine standards, where students can focus on their learning and are safe. As more and more schools begin to require students to wear uniforms, we will no longer need to imagine. Instead, these schools will exist in reality.

**Ask a Provocative Question:**

Is looking like a fashion model more important than keeping safe? Are your friends your friends because of what you wear? Will wearing the latest and greatest help you to achieve? Wearing trendy clothes to school won't make you a better student or a better friend, and they won't help keep you safe. But wearing a school uniform just might.

**Shocking Statistics or Facts:**

There is an old saying, "Those who believe, achieve." In 1994, a study found that students who wore uniforms to school were perceived by fellow students and teachers as having more academic potential than students who wore street clothes to school. School uniforms have the potential to make your potential even greater!

**Evoke a Vivid Image:**

Every day, millions of kids are bullied because of how they look. They go through life with their heads down, praying that no one notices they aren't wearing what everyone else is wearing. They sit in class, silent and distracted, wondering who will tease them next. They eye their peers cautiously, wondering what is hiding beneath the big bulky sweatshirt. Why wouldn't you want to change their world? Why not just put on a uniform and change your world?!

**Call for Action:**

Are you ready to have fewer distractions at school? Are you ready to stop worrying about the clothes you wear and what your friends think of them? Are you looking for a way to make your school safer? Then, it is time to think about school uniforms!