

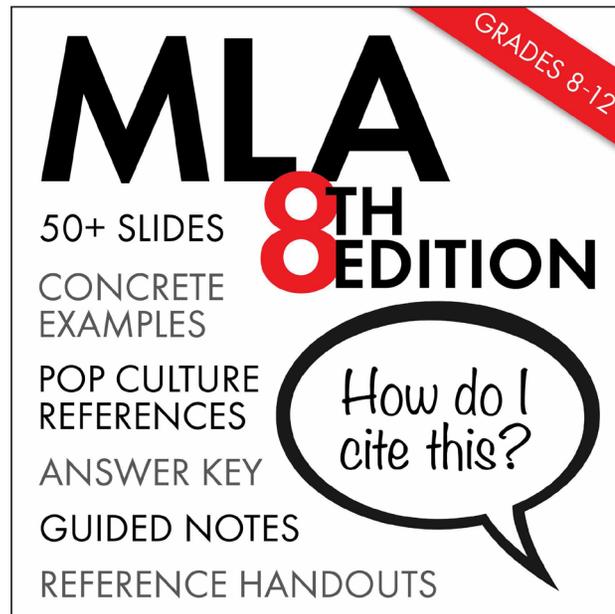
# Conclusion Paragraph Format

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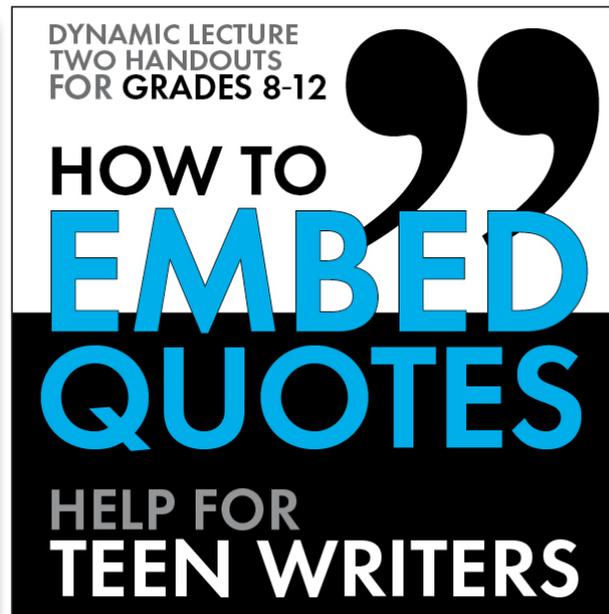


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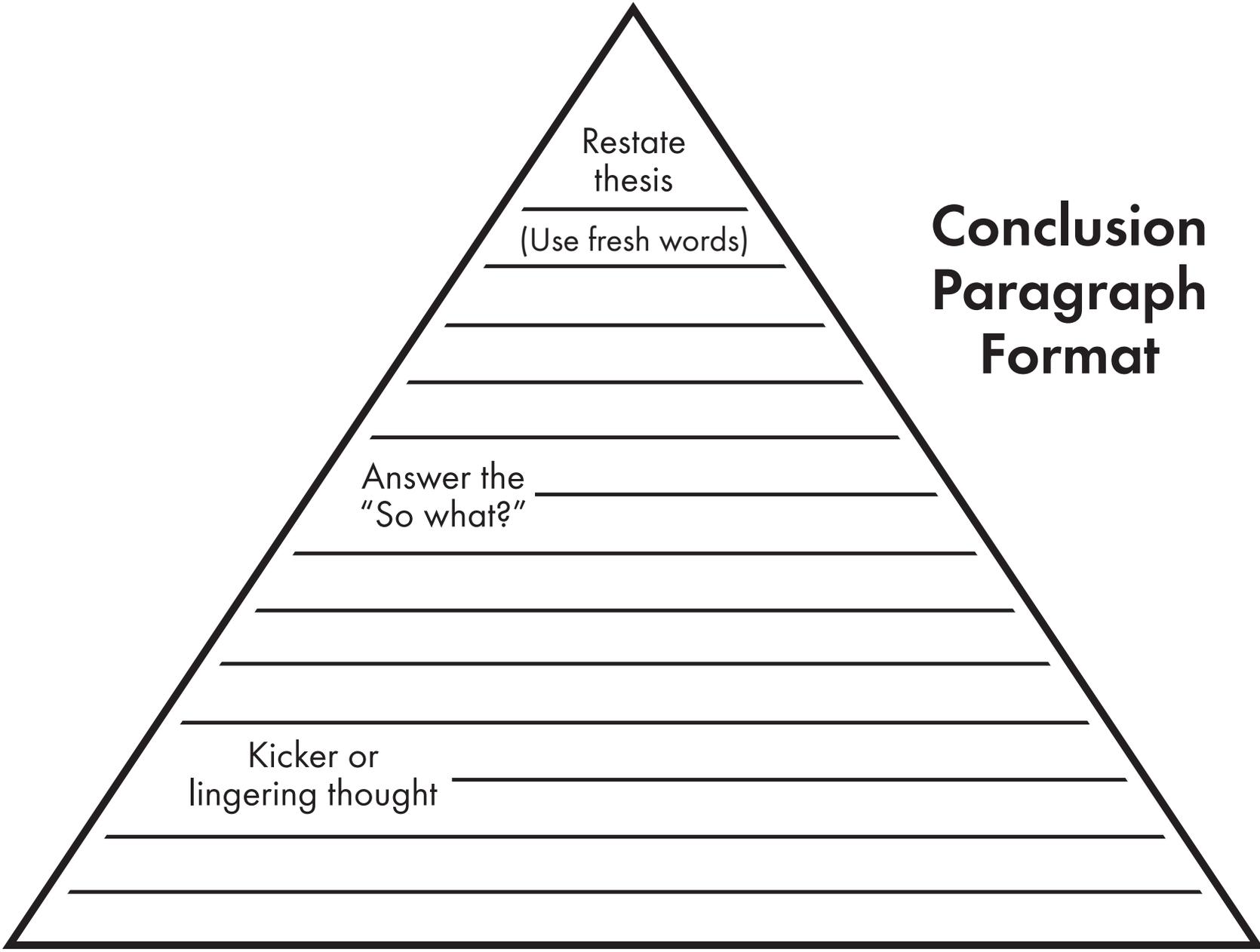


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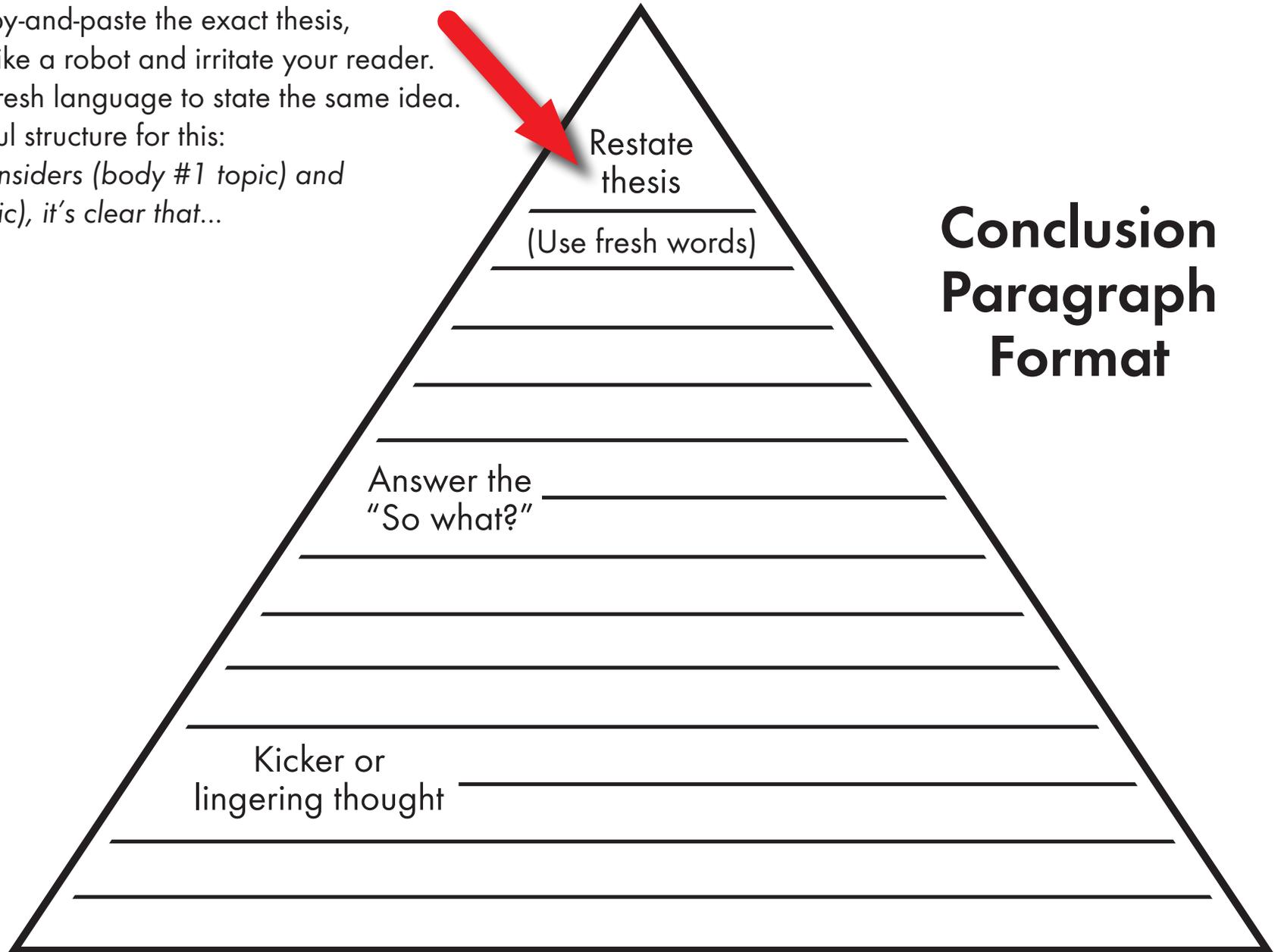
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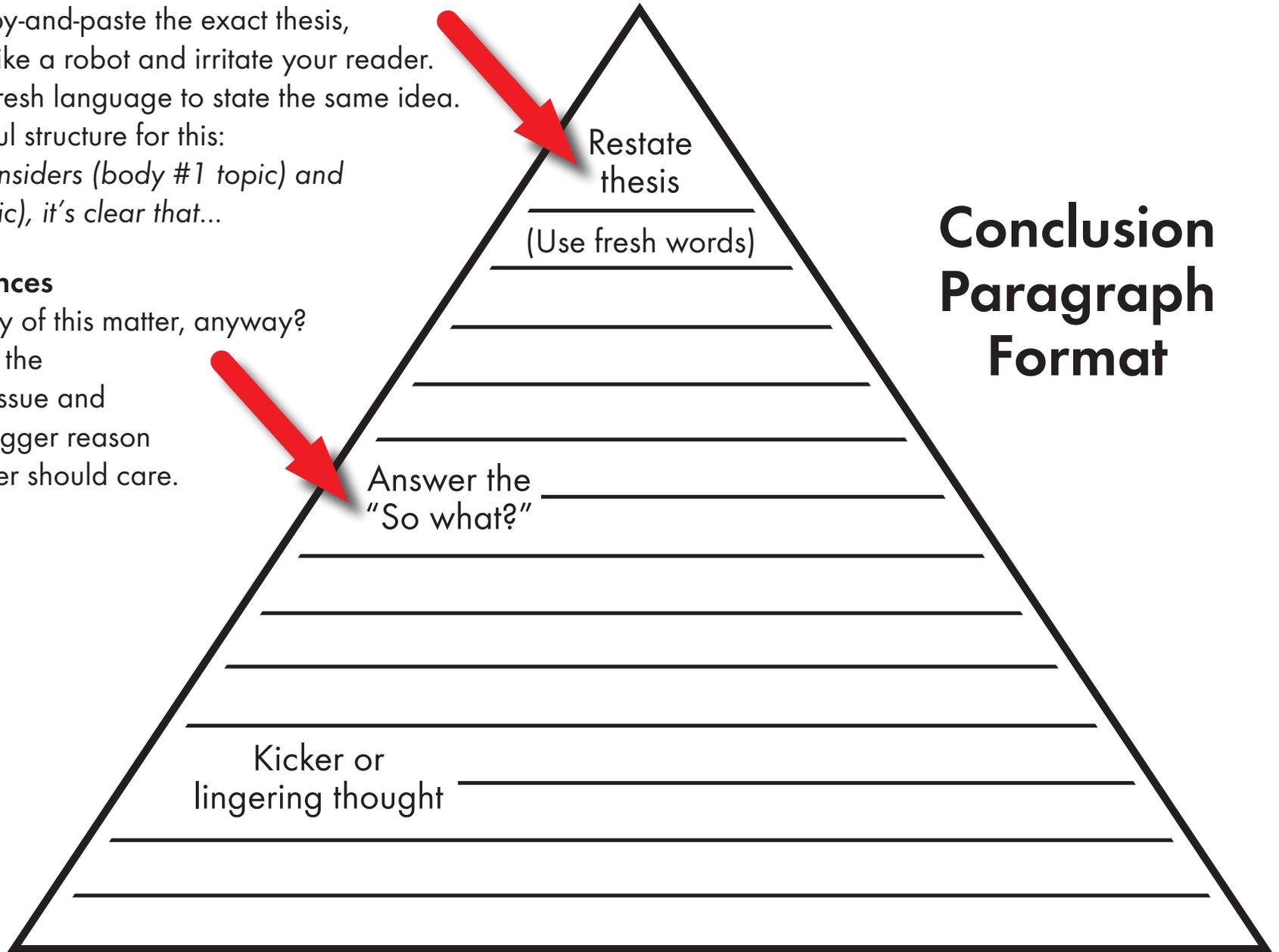
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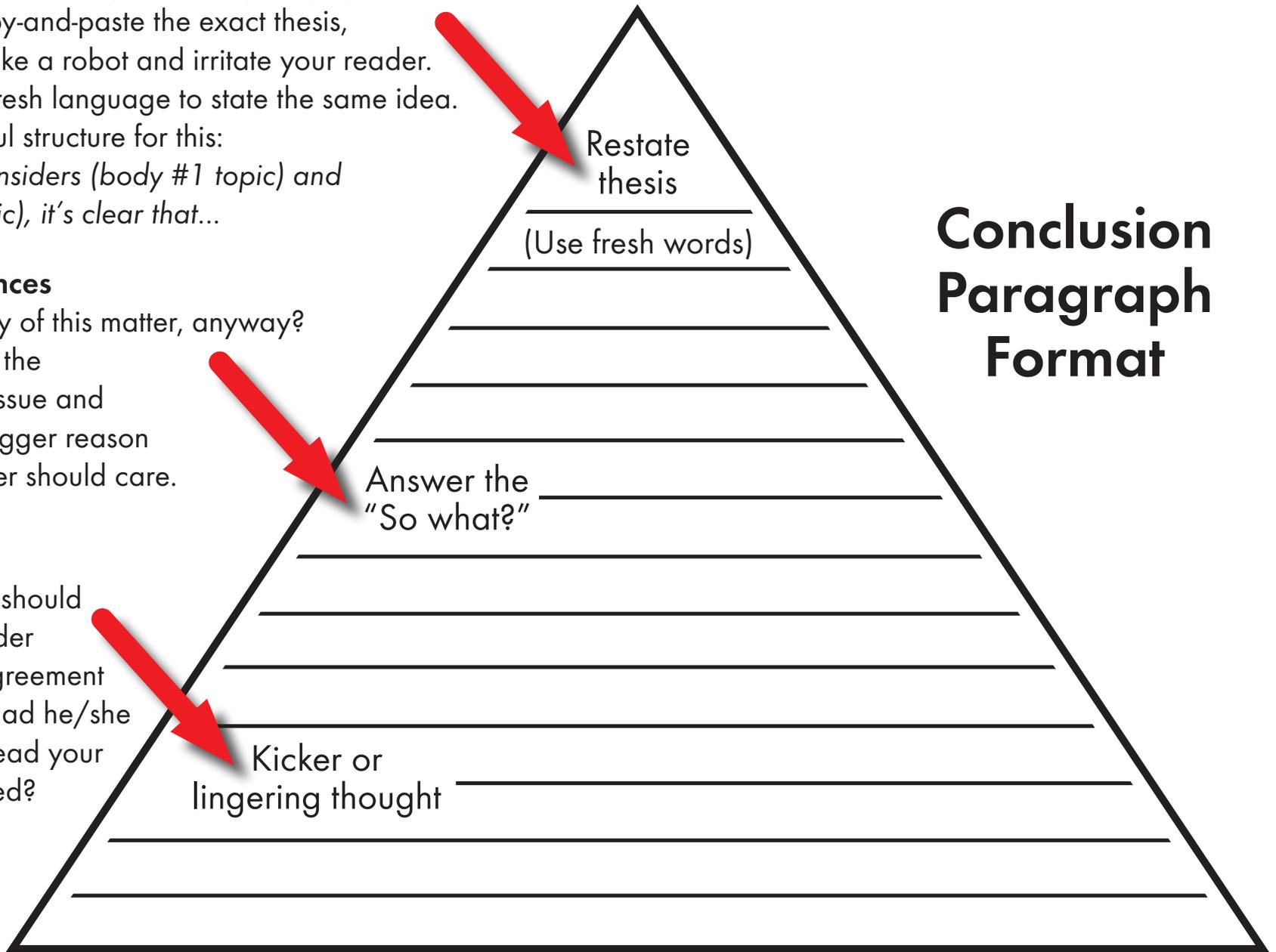
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Last sentence should leave the reader nodding in agreement and feeling glad he/she bothered to read your essay. Stumped?

Use a famous quote that connects to the idea in

the previous sentence. Cite it, of course. Also, if you used a quote as your hook, don't use one as your kicker.



## Original thesis:

Ultimately, Hurst uses the complicated relationship between Doodle and Brother to show that love always contains some drops of poison.



## Restate thesis

When one considers the story's elements of foreshadowing and symbolic use of various shades of red, it is clear that resentment is a common side effect of love.

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Every child is taught that hate is the opposite of love, yet Hurst reveals that those two feelings are actually part of the same powerful emotion.

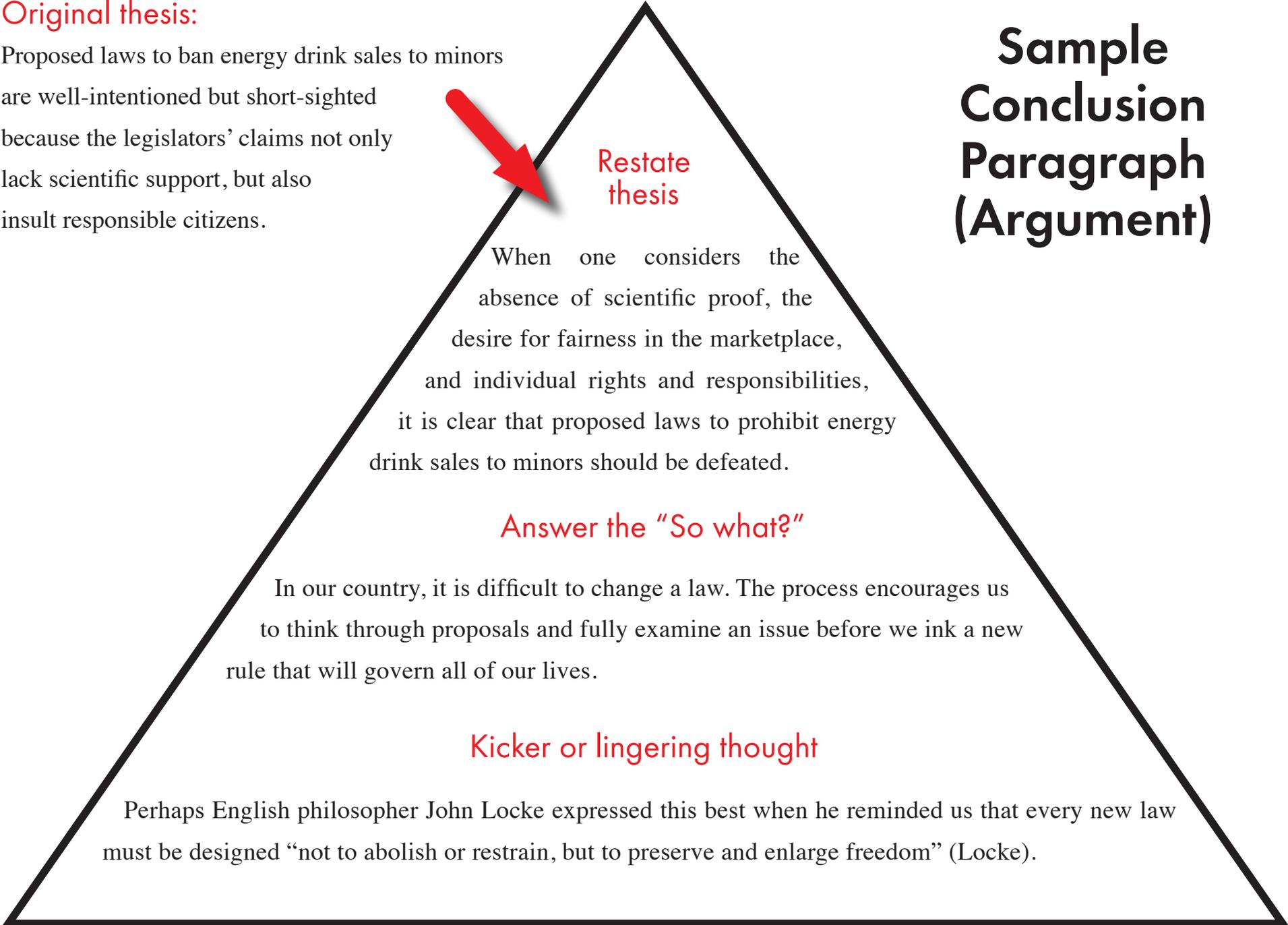
## Kicker or lingering thought

Just as there can be no light without dark, the human heart can't help but create some bitterness as it seeks the sweetness of love.

# Sample Conclusion Paragraph (Literary Analysis)

## Original thesis:

Proposed laws to ban energy drink sales to minors are well-intentioned but short-sighted because the legislators' claims not only lack scientific support, but also insult responsible citizens.



### Restate thesis

When one considers the absence of scientific proof, the desire for fairness in the marketplace, and individual rights and responsibilities, it is clear that proposed laws to prohibit energy drink sales to minors should be defeated.

### Answer the "So what?"

In our country, it is difficult to change a law. The process encourages us to think through proposals and fully examine an issue before we ink a new rule that will govern all of our lives.

### Kicker or lingering thought

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## Sample Conclusion Paragraph (Argument)

## Sample Conclusion for Literary Analysis Essay:

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### Restate thesis

Use fresh words to rephrase the thesis from your intro. paragraph

### So what?

Explain why this topic should matter to the reader.

### Kicker or Lingerin Thought

A final meaningful thought that leaves the reader glad he/she read your essay

## Sample Conclusion for Argument Essay:

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