Argumentative Essay: Final Paragraph

Counterclaim

Acknowledge the other side of the argument

- Use one of these lead in words/phrases…
    - Some people…
    - Others…
- Plus one of the following verbs…
    - argue
    - claim
    - believe
    - think
- Plus the other side of the argument…
- Plus one of the following words…
    - because
    - as
- Then include one reason that supports the other side

Example: Others argue breeding standards should not change because a bulldog will no longer look like a bulldog and will no longer be as "cute" (Lewis and Dignan 21).

Rebuttal

Point out what is wrong with the counterclaim

- Use one of these lead in words/phrases…
    - However…
    - Even so…
    - Nonetheless…

Example: However, the cuteness of bulldogs should not come before their health.

Concluding Sentences

1. Restate your thesis
    - Use one of these lead in phrases…
        - As presented…
        - As explained…
        - As argued…
    - Then restate your thesis

    Example: As argued, the breeding standards of bulldogs should be changed because bulldogs are suffering from hereditary diseases, difficulty breathing, and painful joint conditions.

2. End with a STRONG sentence
    - Ideas…
        - Connect back to your hook
        - Use a quote