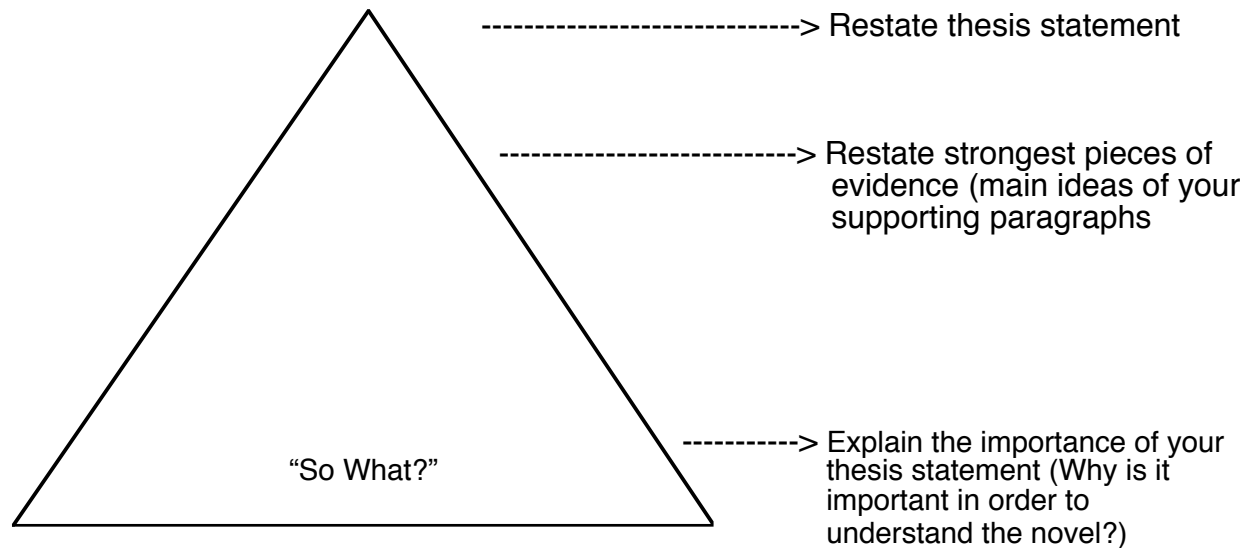


The Concluding Paragraph



1. Restate your thesis for the reader. Do not simply copy your thesis here. Reword your thesis.

Example: *Through the character of Jim, Mark Twain clearly shows slavery to be an immoral and evil institution.*

2. Restate your main points of evidence, the main ideas of the supporting paragraphs. Again, do not simply copy them. Reword them.

Example: a) *The novel's action on the Mississippi results directly from Jim's attempts to free himself from the chains of slavery.*

b) *Jim's true bond of friendship with Huck further illustrates the possibilities of equality between the races and the power of embracing diversity.*

c) *Twain places Jim in a position of moral superiority in order to again demonstrate the power of all men, not just those of white skin.*

3. Explain the importance of your thesis. Basically answer the question “So what?”

a) Why does your paper show some insight into the novel?

b) How does understanding your thesis assist the reader in comprehending the novel?

Example:

Through the character of Jim, Mark Twain clearly shows slavery to be an immoral and evil institution. The novel's action on the Mississippi results directly from Jim's attempts to free himself from the chains of slavery. Jim's true bond of friendship with Huck further illustrates the possibilities of equality between the races and the power of embracing diversity. Twain places Jim in a position of moral superiority in order to again demonstrate the power of all men, not just those of white skin. Twain's perspective on the slavery issue obviously must be one purpose for the novel's writing. Slavery so clearly seen as an abomination can not be an accident. Twain's agenda with this tale transcends simple storytelling and delivers a message of human equality and the ills of an unbalanced social structure.