

Justice & Punishment
Lesson 5: Conclusions – Student Worksheet

[Watch this video that walks you through writing a conclusion first.](#)

Prompt:

Based on “Mercury and the Workmen” by Aesop and “Thank You Ma’am” by Langston Hughes, write an essay explaining how justice was played out differently in each of the texts. Be sure to use evidence from both texts to develop your essay. Your essay should:

- Present and develop a central idea.
- Provide evidence and/or details from the passage(s).
- Use correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.

Restate your Thesis

The first part of your conclusion should include a restatement of your Thesis Statement. Word this differently than you did in your introduction, DO NOT just write your thesis statement again. Refer back to the samples in the video if needed.

Restate your thesis in the space below.

1. Restate your thesis here:

Connect to your lead/hook

The first sentence of your introduction contained a lead or hook to draw your reader in and make them interested in reading your essay. The next part of your conclusion should connect the reader to that initial statement.

Write your connection to your lead/hook in the space below.

2. Write your connection to your lead/hook here:

Closing Thought

Provide a powerful or memorable closing thought. What do you want your reader to remember after reading your essay? Some options to consider:

- Question
- End of Anecdote (if used in introduction)
- Positive Prediction
- Negative Prediction
- Powerful Image or Description

Write your Closing Thought in the space below.

3. Write your Closing Thought here:

4. Copy and paste each part of your introduction from above in the space below. Be sure you include the restatement of your thesis first, then the connection to your lead/hook and finally the closing thought.

5. After you have a full concluding paragraph, copy and paste the completed paragraph into the Working Document (Google or Word document) that you have been adding to throughout the week.

6. Turn this document into your teacher for review and feedback.