

# Introduction & Conclusion Guide

A focused page on how to open and close a paper with control, clarity, and purpose.

## Introductions

- An introduction should prepare the reader for the paper's focus without wasting space on vague filler.
- Start by establishing context, narrowing the topic, and guiding the reader toward the main claim.
- Save the strongest version of the thesis for the point where the reader is ready to understand it.

## Conclusions

- A conclusion should not simply repeat the introduction.
- It should show why the paper matters, what the reader should take away, or what broader insight follows from the argument.
- The ending is your last chance to leave the paper feeling intentional instead of unfinished.

## Common mistakes

- Starting too broadly and never narrowing with purpose.
- Ending with empty phrases like in conclusion without adding insight.
- Treating the conclusion as a summary only instead of a final statement of significance.