

# **Conclusions Writing Module**

## **Student Booklet**

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## **SB#1: Engage Prior Knowledge— Silent Warm-Up**

**What have you already learned about writing a good conclusion for an essay? What do you think makes a good conclusion?**

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## SB#2: Practice—Analyzing a Model Conclusion

### Directions:

1. Read the summary of the article.
2. Read the conclusion.
3. Decide which strategy/strategies the author used.
4. Underline any parts of the paragraph that contain each strategy.
5. Draw a line to the correct strategy description.

### Summary:

This essay is about an organization that finds wild baby animals whose mothers have died and rescues them. The organization then cares for the animals until they are strong and mature enough to be returned to their home in the wild.

### Strategies for Effective Conclusions:

### Conclusion:

Yes, it takes a great deal of time, money, and care to raise a baby elephant and prepare it to go back into the wild. However, baby elephants that are left in the wild without their mothers would almost certainly die. Therefore, the elephant orphanages are the babies' only hope for survival.

Answer "So what?"

Point to the future.

Tell us what to do.

<b>Scoring:</b>	
	Points earned (circle one):
Three strategies listed	0 1 2 3
Correct conclusion identified	0 5
Total points (out of 8):	

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## **SB#3: Independent Practice**

### **Part 1: Review the Strategy**

What are the three types of conclusions that we learned today?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part 2: Apply the Strategy**

**Directions:**

1. Read the summary of the article.
2. Read the conclusion.
3. Decide which strategy/strategies the author used.
4. Underline any parts of the paragraph that contain each strategy.
5. Draw a line to the correct strategy description.

**Summary:**

This essay is about a boy who didn't want to learn how to ride a bicycle and about how, when the child was nine years old, his mother finally insisted that he learn.

**Conclusion:**

Success! But as I watched my youngest son pedal down the sidewalk, a lump of sadness rose in my throat. On one hand, I was so proud of him, and so excited to share this milestone in his life. But on the other hand, I realized that my baby was growing up, and watching him pedal away seemed like just the first part of his lifelong journey to becoming an independent man.

### **Strategies for Effective Conclusions:**

Answer "So what?"

Point to the future.

Tell us what to do.