

2020 National History Day® *Breaking Barriers in History*

STOP - Drawing the Conclusion

A conclusion is the last impression for a reader. It is also key in helping the reader understand why your topic is significant in history; why it matters. A conclusion does not just repeat what was already explained but synthesizes the argument and makes connections.

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| **Thesis** |
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| **Main Idea 1** | **Main Idea 2** | **Main Idea 3** |
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| **CONCLUSION** | | Use the claims above to complete your conclusion. |
| **S** | **Summarize** - Explain how main ideas support evidence presented. Synthesize, do not just repeat. |  |
| **T** | **Thesis Reworded** - Use keywords to clarify and reinforce argument made |  |
| **OP** | **Opinion/Perspective** - Make connections to real world. Put argument in historical perspective. |  |