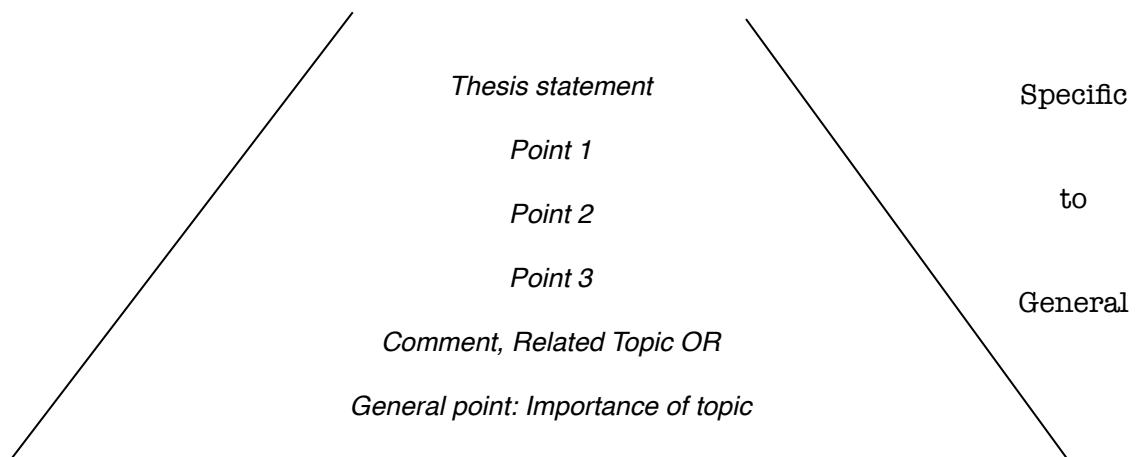


The Structure of the Conclusion

Example 1

The early career of Bob Dylan showed his support for the Civil Rights Movement through his songwriting and his political activities. The songs that Dylan released between 1962 and 1964 helped to establish him as a spokesman for justice and social change. For a number of reasons, however, Dylan started to move away from politics and protest after 1964, although he never stopped writing songs about social and political issues. Influenced by new artists such as the Beatles and wanting to maintain his artistic freedom, Dylan started to blend folk with electric pop and blues. Nevertheless, Dylan's protest songs, especially those songs that dealt with racial discrimination, are an important contribution to American culture and society.

Example 2

Michael Jackson created new dance and vocal styles, which helped change American pop music. Along with his great songwriting skills, Jackson innovated dance moves such as the "moon walk" and singing techniques such as the "vocal hiccup," which helped to earn him the name "King of Pop." Indeed, Jackson is ranked with Elvis Presley and the Beatles as one of the greatest performers of all time. Both white and black performers in the U.S. and fans all over the world acknowledge his great talent and innovation in popular music.

WRITING A CONCLUSION PARAGRAPH

Re-write your thesis statement in 1 below. Then, write the main points and some details. Finally, write one or more general statements about the significance of your topic or how it connects to a larger issue of importance. You could also choose a new but related topic, as in the Bob Dylan example above.

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2. MAIN POINTS

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3. GENERAL STATEMENT / COMMENT

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