Essay Conclusions

- Your conclusion should **NOT** be a restating of your thesis. None of the lines should be repeated from earlier in your paper. You want the conclusion to be an overview of what you’ve discussed and bring the reader a sense of closure.
- Do not introduce any new ideas in the conclusion.
- End the whole paper with a thoughtful, relevant line. If it's something your reader won't easily forget, your essay will have a more lasting impression.

Look back at your Essay Example handout (previous page). Both of the following could act as a conclusion, but one is clearly more effective.

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People should take a personal finance course. It would help them know financial lingo. It would also help them manage their money. Also, it would help them be prepared. All of these are reasons why people should take a personal finance course.

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While not every young person makes financial mistakes, those who do can face years of difficulty trying to get their finances back under control. Rather than help them through these hard times when they happen, measures should be considered to prevent these instances from happening at all. Making the completion of personal finance coursework a requirement for graduation would ensure that young people are at least aware of the basics of maintaining a budget.