“The last paragraph conveys a sense of assurance and repose, of business completed” (Baker 22).

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| **Step – TRIP** | **Key Questions** | **Helpful Hints** |
| **Thesis**  (Reassert the overall purpose.) | Have you reasserted your overall thesis?  Does this reasserted thesis do more than repeat the original thesis? | Since the thesis has now been proven, the reasserted thesis should be a variation of the original thesis, not a repetition in the exact same wording.  Since the writer has now proven his point, the thesis can now be simplified. |
| **Review**  (Crystallize the arguments or points you made.) | Have you reviewed the points you made in your overall writing?  Does your review serve to crystallize the points made rather than just repeat them? | The writer should use key words from the claim statements in crystallizing. |
| **Importance**  (Stress the implications or significance of your writing. Help the reader establish  the **So What?** of your writing.) | Have you addressed the importance of this topic to the audience?  Have you addressed the importance of this information in understanding the discipline or unit topic?  Have you suggested the need for further research?  (A) Have you advocated the specific action your readers should take? | It is important to build enough common ground with the audience in order to allow them to complete the acceptance of the thesis, even if it means discarding previously held beliefs.  The purpose of the writing will guide the type of implication statement that is needed in the conclusion, e.g., a scientific experiment - further research, policy paper – action required, etc.  It is important to stress the link of the information or argument to the reader. |
| **Punch**  (Drive home your  parting thought.) | Have you ended your writing in a way that makes your writing seem completed?  Have you ended your writing with a clincher that is memorable or profound? | An effective parting is to link back to the hook used in the introduction.  Remind students of the line from the introduction that established why. |

Variations:

The length of the conclusion should be proportionate to the length of the overall writing.