

Poor Conclusion

This is an example of an ineffective conclusion:

"In conclusion, Abraham Lincoln was the best president because he was really honest and abolished slavery."

Here are some of the ways that this conclusion is lacking:

- This example is too short. An effective conclusion will be a full paragraph that details the argument's supporting points.
- Though two supporting points are given, they are vague. An effective conclusion should cite concrete details.
- Beginning a conclusion with a phrase like "in conclusion" is superfluous.