Writing a Satisfying Conclusion

There are several techniques that you can use to write a satisfying conclusion to your essay. First, take a look at the introduction and body paragraphs of this sample descriptive essay.

As we raced through the road, he was a streaking cloud of dirt.  We both were going full throttle and heading downhill.  Off we went...this summer, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_and I rode together with our dirtbikes.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a very good friend of mine, and I would like to tell you about him.  He is a brown eyed, brown haired 14 year old boy who treats people nicely, and has been my friend for awhile.

    As I was saying, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has brown hair, brown eyes, is thin, and has tan skin.  He has a low voice and smells like deodorant.  Also, he wears tennis shoes, jeans, and T-shirts mostly with either a sweatshirt or a jeans jacket.  Lastly, he is fast, but sometimes lacks in coordination.  He does fine in sports though.

    In addition to his physical traits, \_\_\_\_\_\_ is friendly and treats people nicely.  Other people treat him kindly as well.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interests include things like, old cars, 80’s rock and roll, and sports.  We play the same sports:  baseball, football, basketball, and track.  We also both like riding dirtbikes.  Sometimes we ride together, and it is really fun.  In addition to these tremendous activities, \_\_\_\_\_\_ has also made a rash choice.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_pulled down a girl’s pants at school.  He was then sentenced to a 2 day suspension.  But don’t let that fool you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a good guy.

    Now here are some things that make him important to me.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I have been buddies ever since we met, back when we were babies at daycare.  We had fun together playing around at daycare and have still ever since.  I admire him for his bravery and cool attitude.  When I ride dirtbikes with him, he can really impress me.  He teaches you to just go!  We’ve raced and had good times riding around.

Below are three techniques for writing a good conclusion along with examples of conclusions that could end the sample essay from the other side of this handout.

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| **Technique #1: Tell the reader to take action. Think about what you want them to do as a result of reading your essay.**  As you can see, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a good friend of mine. He is slightly uncoordinated, has a great personality and is important to me. Good friends are sometimes hard to find, and I know I am lucky to have found one. Think about the people in your life. Appreciate the good friends that you have. |
| **Technique #2: Give your overall opinion on one or all of the main points that you have discussed in you essay.**  As you can see, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a good friend of mine. He is slightly uncoordinated, has a great personality, and is important to me. In my opinion the most unique thing about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that he is really good at riding dirt bikes. That and he is just a good guy who I am happy to have as my friend. |
| **Technique #3: Ask a question…and answer it.**  Finally, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a good friend of mine. He is slightly uncoordinated, has a great personality, and is important to me. Think about the people in your life. Who is your best friend? Who is the person you can just be yourself around and have fun with? For me, that person is my good friend, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| **Technique #4: Relate your conclusion back to your introduction.**  Back to that dirt bike ride from last summer. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I were flying down hill with the wind pushing against us and whipping up massive clouds of dirt. At the bottom of the hill, we both looked at each other and grinned. That is one of the good things about our friendship. We don’t always have to talk to know that something we did was great. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is one of my best friends. He is slightly uncoordinated, has a great personality, and is important to me. |