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Powerful Conclusions

The conclusion is one of the most important aspects of persuasive writing. It is the author's last chance to convince the reader of his or her point of view. The conclusion should restate the author's position, reiterate the main points, and remind the reader why both the author's opinion and the issue are important. An ideal conclusion sticks with the reader long after they have finished reading.

DIRECTIONS: Imagine a speech about the differences between seeing something as a handicap and seeing something as a challenge. The author, who was blinded in an accident at the age of 13, describes how his life quickly became something other than what he had hoped that it would be, but expresses that it has also been richer than he could have imagined. He describes the body's tendency to compensate for physiological losses, and challenges his audience to focus on their strengths, rather than on what they may mistakenly perceive as their weaknesses. Write the conclusion, and only the conclusion, for this speech.
