Three Tasks of the Conclusion Paragraph

- **Restate** (without repeating) what the major points of your paper were.
- **Clarify your thesis**. Having read the paper, what should your reader have taken away from the piece? What was its main message? How did it evolve from the thesis you presented in the intro paragraph?
- **Provide a bookend** to the hook from the introduction. If you told a story in the introduction

A close look at high schools and middle school has shown that, despite some important differences in academics, the two institutions are largely the same when it comes to the treatment of students. While high school expects more of students in the classroom, those expectations do not come with increased respect or freedom. If Helena really wants to make the experiences of its high schools better for Gary and all the other students, it's time for schools start respecting students and acting like the young adults they are becoming.