

Concluding Paragraph for the Bill of Rights

1. **Revisit/Reword the thesis statement:**

The conclusion of any paper is to revisit/reword the thesis statement. For the Bill of Rights essay, the following basic example sentence would be acceptable:

There can be no denying the vital importance of the First, Second and Ninth Amendments.

2. **Summarize the body paragraphs:**

Sum up the main ideas of each body paragraph (generalize) in at least one sentence per body paragraph. Below is a general summation of one main point from a body paragraph in regard to the Second Amendment.

Ownership of guns, addressed but not guaranteed by the Second Amendment, a controversial issue in the U.S, is seldom reviewed by the Supreme Court.

3. **Clincher:**

Leave the reader thinking with a quote, statistic, anecdote, a “picture this” kind of scenario, et cetera. The following is an example that you obviously would need to transition in and/or out of.

The Bill of Rights and other amendments have served as a social contract, one in which Americans are fortunate to have. It is a binding contract that connects the people to its government and prevents the government from committing abuses. Rousseau, the author of the book *The Social Contract*, said, “The government exists to serve the people, and when it no longer does so, the people may change it.” Those changes have occurred time and time again thanks to Supreme Court verdicts that have made interpretations and clarifications for the people and its government.
