Concluding Paragraph

Specific to General

Ultimately, what John Steinbeck bears witness to readers in *Of Mice and Men* and *The Grapes of* Wrath is that when a person is stripped of all that distinguishes him or her as valuable, to the edge of depravity, a person’s humanity refuses to capitulate.

Lennie’s choice to kill his best and only friend, rather than leave him to the sadistic whimsy of Curley and crew attests to his last thread of humanity. Likewise, Rosasharn’s gift to the starving stranger at the conclusion of *The Grapes of Wrath* confirms to readers that when faced with utter desolation, as the effects of the Great Depression served up, the human spirit rises to preserve what little humanity is left.

Without a doubt, Steinbeck’s *Of Mice and Men* and *The Grapes of Wrath* similarly portray the desperate human struggle and the perseverance of spirit in the devastating Great Depression.

Using a transitional word or phrase, let reader know this is the final statement of the essay. Your goal is the affect the reader by leaving him thinking about your information and analysis. This should be an impactful statement about the importance of the information you provided in your essay.

Summarize and synthesize the main points and/or the best points you make in your essay. This should be 1-2 sentences.

Restate your thesis in a different way considering you reader has digested your information in the previous paragraphs.