

ACADEMIC WRITING IN ENGLISH: CONCLUSIONS

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Conclusions

- ▶ Good writing requires a strong introduction and conclusion
- ▶ Introduction
 - ▷ Creates an opening for your argument
 - ▷ Introduces your main topic
 - ▷ Demonstrates your stance on that topic
- ▶ Conclusion
 - ▷ Summarizes your argument
 - ▷ Demonstrates what future research might be needed

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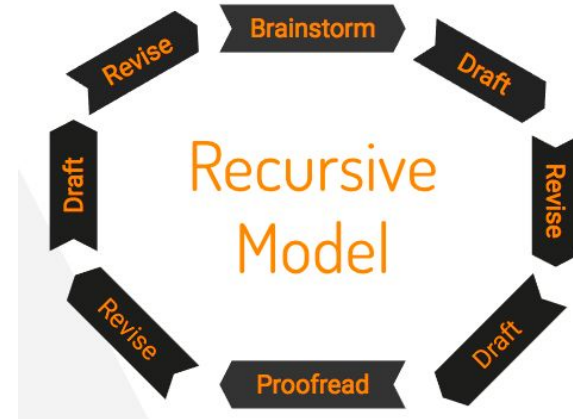
- ▶ A good conclusion should accomplish four things:
 - ▷ Make a final statement regarding your thesis or answer your focusing question
 - ▷ Summarize your main points or arguments
 - ▷ Highlight the significance of your topic
 - ▷ Forecast additional research that could be done on the topic
- ▶ Be careful not to be too passionate about your topic or overstate claims.

The Writing Process

- ▶ Writing is a circular process

- ▶ Revision is important

- ▶ No paper is perfect; there is no mathematical formula for good writing

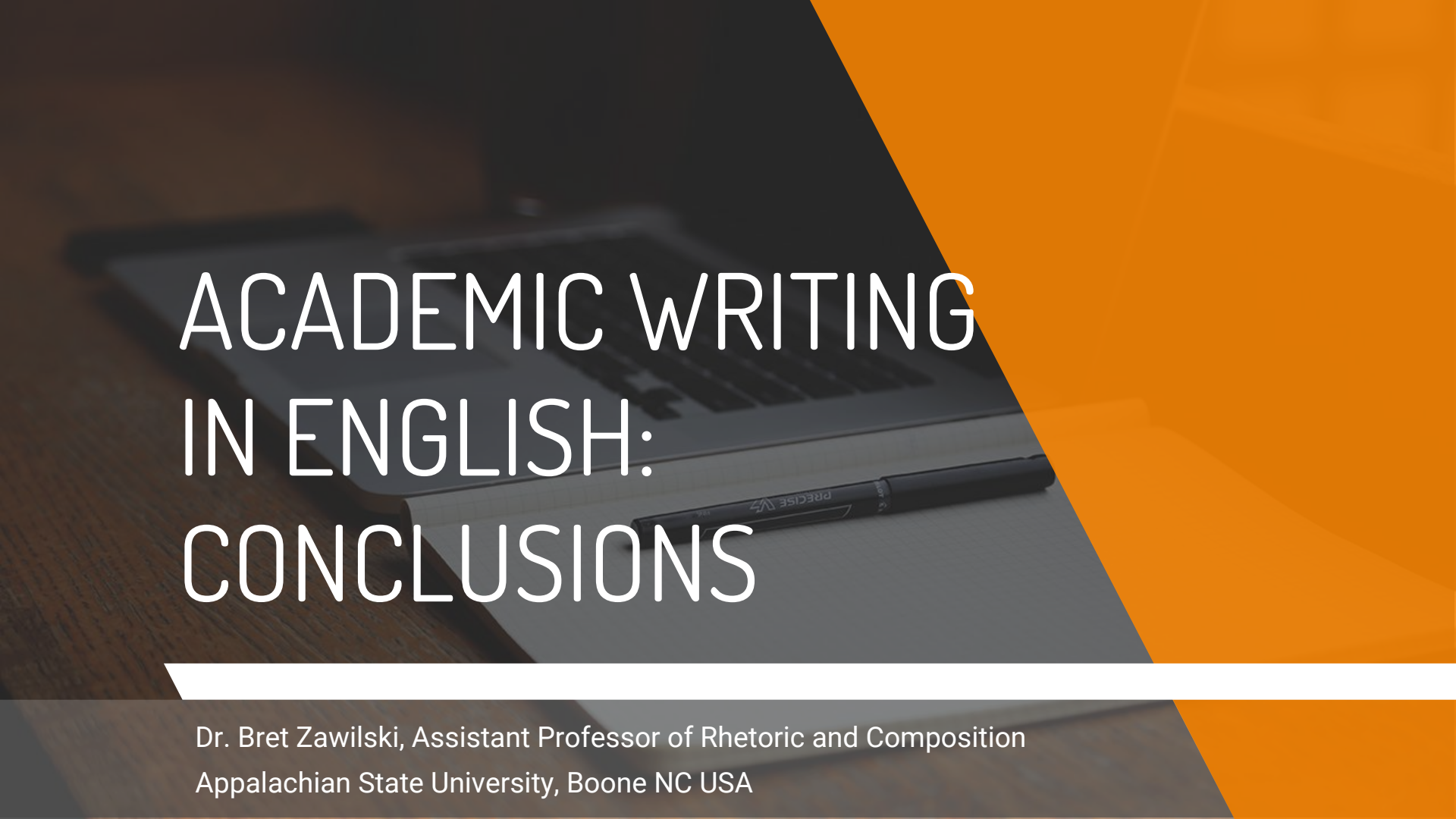


- ▶ Gathering ideas is the first and most important part of writing:
 - ▷ You must generate ideas before you can write
 - ▷ You must become curious about the ideas you generate
 - ▷ Mindmapping, freewriting, and outlining can be used to generate ideas
 - ▷ You also should find a focusing question for your writing

Arrangement

- ▶ Once you gather ideas, you need to organize them:
 - ▶ Organization will depend upon your audience and their expectations
 - ▶ You should consider how the evidence you provide fit together
 - ▶ Your organization should lead your audience toward a better understanding of your thesis statement

- ▶ **Writing is a process:**
 - ▷ Studying formal rules is no substitution for practicing your writing
 - ▷ Don't worry about making errors when you first begin to write
 - ▷ Make use of revision and rewriting



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