Compelling Conclusions

A good conclusion should accomplish the following:
- Wrap up the supporting points by summarizing them
- Give the reader a final thought or insight on the thesis
- Encourage the reader to investigate further or take action
- Provide something compelling, such as the significance of the topic/thesis

Summarize
- Summarize the main points of the paper to leave the reader with the key elements to recall when regarding your thesis

Final Insight
- This is not really additional support for the paper
- It is an insight that comes from what has already been discussed
- It sheds a light on the thesis and its implications, but does not deviate from it

Investigate and Take Action
- A good conclusion will make the paper effective, resulting in the reader researching the topic further or taking appropriate action
- An example of such action can help the reader visualize what can be done

Something Compelling
- A symbolic image or powerful fact can make the paper end on a high note
- A compelling example is a good way to witness to the importance of your thesis
- A quotation from a respected authority (such as from Scripture) provides ethos, or credibility.

Avoid:
- Repeat of the introduction
- A new direction
- Sweeping generalizations
- Apologies