

Endings that DON'T work

"That's My Story and I'm Sticking to It":

Restates the thesis and is usually painfully short.

The "Sherlock Holmes" Conclusion:

The writer didn't discover the thesis until the end.

*"America the Beautiful"/"I Am
Woman"/"We Shall Overcome"
Conclusion:*

An emotional or moral appeal
is out of character with an analytical paper.

"Grab Bag" Conclusion:

Adding new facts at the end of an essay can create confusion.