

Chapter 5: Conclusions

Introduction

- **Begin with the purpose of the study and/or statement of the problem.**
- **Indicate the kind of study.**
- **Tell the contents of this chapter.**

Discussion of the Findings

- **Repeat each of the major findings from Chapter 4 and draw conclusions, keeping in mind the limitations and other influencing and intervening variables. Conclusions should be carefully and tentatively stated.**
- **Cite possible reasons for obtaining the results that you did from the study. These may be speculations and offered as possible explanations.**
- **Consider offering alternative explanations of the findings. (What other conclusions might be drawn from the results?)**
- **Compare conclusions you've drawn with conclusions of other researchers cited in Chapter 2.**
- **Include any personal reactions to the results, including what they mean for you as a teacher. (What have you learned from the study?)**
- **Discuss problems, surprises, challenges encountered in conducting the study and how these might have influenced the results.**
- **Discuss any research bias of which you are aware. Include any perceived other strengths and/or weaknesses of the study.**
- **If you had the chance to do the study over, list recommendations for change.**
- **List and discuss questions for further research based upon the results or the experience of having done this study.**

Summary and Future Implications

- **Summarize the major findings and conclusions of your study. (This might be done by answering the research questions listed at the beginning of the study).**
- **List recommendations for future study or studies.**
- **Review how the study has affected you as a teacher.**
- **Optional: Conclude by listing questions raised by this research study.**