**CLINCHERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Last sentence of a paragraph
* Just like a topic sentence introduces a paragraph and reinforces the thesis, a **clincher reviews** the paragraph and its focus
* In that way, the clincher is a re-wording of the topic sentence

Be careful:

* Do not introduce new material or new ideas in a clincher
* Do not preview the next paragraph in a clincher; just wrap up

**MODEL**

**Topic sentence**: Any visitor to New York will find it to be an exciting city.

**Body of Evidence**: New York has a population of more than 12 million people with a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds plus a massive tourist draw, attracting visitors from all over the world. Rich in the arts, New York offers tourists museums, ballet, and theater. Furthermore, there are innumerable landmark attractions like the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and the Chrysler Building. For those looking for culinary treats, Hell’s Kitchen, Times Square, and Little Italy all provide a multitude of eating experiences.

**Clincher statement**: It is clear from the infinite variety of entertainment and educational offerings that [New York City](http://www.ehow.com/facts_4911785_what-clincher-statement.html) is a vibrant metropolis.

**Not this**: Even other people will be intrigued by the sporting events that the city hosts in Madison Square Garden.

**Because**:

**Not this**: While New York is a city with a pulse, Las Vegas is easily a rival for a lively destination.

**Because**:

**PRACTICE: based on *Dracula***

In his classic novel, Bram Stoker crafts a frightening vampire in the character of Dracula. First, his physical appearance reveals him to be foreboding with his "peculiarly sharp white teeth" and his pointed ears. Such angular, sharp features hint to the reader that this character is capable of great harm. Similarly, the Count's preferences for the dark and for solitude cast him as a loner on the edge of society. Lastly, the background information about the Count's nocturnal power links him to darkness and evil.

★Which of the following makes for the best clincher? Then, explain why your choice is correct AND why the others are wrong.

A. Also, Count Dracula's inability to be admitted without invitation also builds him as a fearful figure.

🡺 **Explain** (is it right/wrong? Why?):

B. While a terrifying literary figure, Dracula also has a pitiful side that makes the reader sympathize with him.

🡺 **Explain** (is it right/wrong? Why?):

C. A malicious character, Dracula is a sinister creation infamous in literature as the original blood-sucker.

🡺 **Explain**: (is it right/wrong? Why?):