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Key Character

By returning to an important place or by reintroducing us to a

Closing the circle. The ending reminds us of the beginning.

Your story needs endings. So sentences have endings. Paragraphs

Disaster

An e-mail message to the senator. Donate blood for victims of a

Another direction: A good ending can point the reader

Where the body of our discussion of this section of those events

Look to the future. Most writing leaves things that have

Character can set it but not always.

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The story ends, but the story goes on. How many

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One a reader for a journey conducted a secret research. A boy-

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Medley

Henry O. Chen, James Taylor, Served, Defender and Judge.

Chips close the circle, replacing the chords he

After effective questions in the President's, presidential debate.

Nick gives the name of citizens who had

As Storyteller Chip: Chips close the circle.

Whose questions are not for novices alone. My colleague

Leaves when it comes to asking good questions of politicians.

victory.

Write the doctor, the doctor, the doctor, the doctor, the doctor.

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Useful Habits

Part Four

Process

begnings and endings. Have you learned anything in the
4. Just for fun, take some of your recent work and switch the
ending. What happens when you begin with an ending in mind?
Next time you do research, watch and listen for a strong
themes. What would happen if the essay ended here?

1. Review your most recent work. Place your hand over the

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stoppage. Place your paragraph and ask the same question until you find the natural

reconstruction. Are you ready to write a new ending? Don't bury your

and disregards your theme.

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