7. Full-Circle Ending

- Include an image at the beginning of a piece of writing and then mentioning it again at the end
- To wrap up a piece of writing, try repeating a word, phrase, or idea that brings the reader back to an idea at the beginning of a piece.
- Gives your piece a sense of closure

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Full-Circle Ending Example

I am sitting out on an **old Dixieland porch** in Mississippi. The American flag waves proudly from its pole. Making itself a web in the corner of the wrought-iron railing is a small black spider. The twin rocking chairs glide back and forth, speaking to each other in the tongue of “rickety rack.” Hanging from a weeping willow, an emerald birdhouse sways in the wind, as the robins sing their never-ending song. Swooping down toward the nearby field, a crop duster exterminates the boll weevils on the cotton and turns the air a bit sour. I send up a wave as a muddy 4 X 4 passes the farm. Anyone’s welcome anytime to come sit **on my Dixieland porch**, and share some Southern hospitality.

--Mary Ellen Ledbetter

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Full-Circle Ending Example

Beginning: "One day four big chickens peeked out the coop window and saw a wolf sneak into the farmyard.

The chickens pocked, flocked, and rocked. They knocked into themselves and each other until, one by one, they tumbled out of the coop. The door slammed shut, and the chickens ran into the woods to hide."

Ending: "...The chickens picked, pecked and pocked. They ruffled, puffled, and shuffled. They shrieked, squeaked, and freaked, until...the wolf ran into the woods."

(*Big Chickens*)

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