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The reason why the author concludes the story with this paragraph because the author wants the reader to know that just cause you failed don't mean don't try again. With the confident energy had she already knows that she will pass the test next year. She will learn from her mistakes to pass that test next year.

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V1-3

The author concludes his story with that paragraph for many reasons. One is to show Saengs dedication to plants and to her grandmother. Another reason is that it shows that "the test" is her trying to understand things about her past, her grandmother, and even her plants and how they react. That is why the author concludes his story with that paragraph.

The author of this story concludes it the way they did to give the reader one last look at Saeng's feelings. The author is showing that Saeng has hope for her new home and life. She is adjusting and not trying to give up. She vows to take the test again. The author also portrays the sense of belonging that Saeng is gathering. She sees the hibiscus as something like herself; if it can be brought to this world and thrive so can she. Even if she is not from this country, she will fit in fine. The author finally wants to portray the happiness of Saeng in the last paragraph. Even though she is homesick, she knows that things will get better. The hibiscus will grow, and it will give her something to care for and remind her of her old life. The author speaks of how the hibiscus reminds her of her old life when they talk about Saeng's garden. With this flower as a reminder, Saeng can be happy.

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V1-7

The author concludes the story with this paragraph to signify Saeng's new commitment to start a life in America. The entire time that Saeng had spent in America, she had not really started to make a life for herself. She had just gone through the motions. Her heart still clung to her home in Vietnam. When the geese return in the spring, they are returning from migration to start a different type of life. When the hibiscus buds in the spring, it is beginning to grow and to live. To Saeng, the retest for her license symbolizes determination for her own new beginning. She has designated the spring, when she will retest for her license, as the time when she will start anew. The author concluded the story with that paragraph to give a conclusion (a new commitment to life and living), to the hopelessness and loneliness felt by Saeng in "Winter Hibiscus."

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V1-9

The author concludes this story with this paragraph to show Saeng's determination to take the driver's test again, even if it will be a while before she does. The whole story starts out by saying that Saeng failed her driver's test, and was cheered up by seeing the Hibiscus plant. The last paragraph gives you the time when Saeng will go try again. That she won't do it until the geese come back and the hibiscus is budding. This is the most effective way to close up the story. To tell when she will try again and to tell that she won't try without the hibiscus trying to bud is the best way to close this sentimental, heartfelt story. This is why the author concludes this story with this paragraph.

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The author concludes the story with this paragraph. Because Saeng she like to be in a garden she like to help plant vegetables in the garden and she like to plant flowers. She wants to know how to plant a garden. That is what she like to do. She would have to take a test to see if she can make her self her own garden so she would not get in trouble if it's make up. That she can pass the test and don't have to worry about people get mad at her for the way she make a garden.

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V2-3

The author of "Winter Hibiscus", Minfong Ho, concluded her story with the vow to take the test again, as a symbol of her having settled and come out on top.

The plant is linked to her struggle, and she uses it for comfort as a reminder of her old home. She feels that when the plant has settled in and begins to bud, despite the poor soil, and the snow, she will have settled in too. She uses the plant as her link from her past to her present. The plant reminds her of her home country, so watching it settle in, will help her adjust too. Minfong Ho concludes her story with a vow, as a way to show how she will overcome her obstacles and settle in.

The author concludes the story with that paragraph in order to give the message of having hope and determination for the future.

In the story, Saeng had been coming home after she failed her driving test. When she utters the phrase, "I-I failed the test," to her mother, you can feel the disappointment radiating off her. At this point in time, she does not feel confident in her ability to pass it.

When she is in the greenhouse and observes all the familiar plants around, eventually she "broke down and wept." Yet again is another case of her feeling depressed. Here, she misses her homeland and wants to relive her memories ("where was the fine-toothed comb?").

But by ending the story with that paragraph, you feel Saeng's sense of hope and determination. Yes, she may be disappointed about failing the test and she misses her homeland a lot, but she can and will move on. Instead of giving up, she will blossom like her flower and get by.

Thus, the paragraph at the end revealed the hope and determination of Saeng.

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V2-7

The author probably concludes the story with that paragraph because spring represents a fresh start. Next-year conditions will start over as they did before and Saeng will have another opportunity to succeed. It serves to give a note of hope to the ending. This note of hope contrasts the feelings of yearning portrayed by the paragraph, "But where was the fire-tailed comb? The hibiscus hedge? The well? Her gentle grandmother?" That final sentence basically finishes explaining Saeng's transitional period from her own culture and memories into adapting to a completely new one.

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V2-9

The author concludes the story with that paragraph to send out a message. His message was to not give up. In the last part of the sentence, it said "I will take that test again" that was to show a sign of try again. Basically it was saying maybe next time. Another part was where it said "in the spring, when the snow" melts and the geese return and "this hibiscus is budding." That was saying next time. That's why the author put that as a conclusion.

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In the story, "Winter Hibiscus", a girl named Saeng is working to overcome the difficult obstacle of adapting to a new country. She fails her driver's test and on her walk home, she stops in a greenhouse. She is overcome with emotion when she recognizes many of the plants from her native country. She is ashamed for failing her test and misses her home, where she feels she belongs. She purchases the winter Hibiscus and takes it home to her mother. The story ends with her silently vowing to herself that when the geese return and the hibiscus is budding next spring, she will retake the driver's test. In my opinion, the author ends the story this way to leave the reader with some closure that Saeng will be okay. You can tell that although she is experiencing a difficult time in her life, she is capable of brushing herself off and trying again. Her perseverance and strength is inspiring to the reader. Reading that last paragraph allows us to know that she is going to get through this rough time and she is also going to pass her driver's test while doing so. This is a comforting and reassuring end to the story.

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The author concludes the story, "Winter Hibiscus," with that last paragraph to emphasize how much Saeng misses her home. In the story, the familiar flower makes her feel better, and reminds her of her home. It is shown in this excerpt, "Gently, she closed her palm around [the flower] and held it tight. That, at least, she could hold on to." In the last paragraph, it is stated, "when... this hibiscus is budding, then I will take that vest again." This shows that the reason she may have failed the test is because she missed home so much. When the hibiscus buds, she will feel better, and therefore will be ready to take the test again. In conclusion, the author concludes the story with the last paragraph to emphasize how much Saeng misses her home.

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V3-5

Throughout the story Saeng has reminisced about Vietnam and been saddened by it. Also on top of that she failed a test so she is not very happy. She feels like the whole journey from Vietnam to America has been a test of some kind, and that ultimately her failing the driving test and missing her homeland is a sign that she has failed that test. So by ending the story with this sentence, the author shows that Saeng is resolving to keep on persevering in America even though she misses her home. This statement that she will pass the test has a double meaning. It means one that she will literally take the driving test again and two that she will try and be happy in this new place. By the end of winter she will have conquered her sadness, and thus pass the 'test' of coming to the US.

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V3-7

The last paragraph not only closes of the story but also shows you that Saeng wanted 'budd' just like her flower. She wanted to be just like the flower growing in a place where she/it feels it dosent belong.

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V3-9

58 BCR Ends with this paragraph because wanted to tie it all together, and give some image in telling all of the detail. This is how a paragraph should end with all ideas tied together, and it should be able to give the reader an actual image of how the story ends.

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The author of Winter Hibiscus chooses to end the story with that paragraph because it shows how the main character will adapt to changes while still having a distinct connection to the past. The main character of the story realizes in the end of the story that she is becoming more and more familiar with things that was once strange to her. She uses this new revelation to give her the confidence of her new world, the geese returning, and the past, the hibiscus, to take the test again. The author also could be implying that the main character is like the hibiscus. "Its flowers aren't as pretty, but it's strong enough to make it through the cold months here..." The hibiscus could symbolize the main character being able to get through the difficult times and circumstances that she is facing. By doing this, the author can connect the girl with the concluding paragraph to give her the strength to take the test again.

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V4-3

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The author used this ending to show
that Saeng would wait. Wait to get
bigger and smarter to pass the test.
And in the process take care of the
hibiscus and her mother.

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V4-5

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The author concludes the story with this paragraph because it gives the reader a feeling that Saeng will overcome her obstacles in life. For example, when Saeng vows to herself it means she will never let anything come in between the goal and herself. Another reason why the author ended the story with this is to illustrate that Saeng will go with the natural cycle and renew her confidence in her life. For example, he mentions the geese coming back and the hibiscus budding and then her taking the test again, like it was a part of the cycle of her new home. This ending paragraph also gives us hope that Saeng will achieve her goal and pass the test. This last paragraph symbolizes the bright future that Saeng will make for herself.

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The reason the author put that last paragraph it to show importance ~~and~~ that she will not fail the test again. Most of the sentence is in italic, showing her deep important thoughts. Saeng came to her mother saying she fail the test. When spring come she will take that test again.

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V4-9

The author concluded his story like
that because that is what fits in
the best for the story and also the authors
can put anything he wants into his story because
he has the right to do what ever he wants
to. This means that I say that the author can
put what ever he wants I think that what
he put in there is actually sounds pretty
good.

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V5-1

I think the author ends the story
like that because that is the right way
to end a story like that, I think the
conclusion to that story was perfect and
it went right along with the
text and how it was put out.
To me I don't think there was a
better conclusion sentence than the
one this author using in this story.

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V5-3

The author uses this sentence to conclude the story because it sums up the three ideas of the story into one sentence. These three ideas are the driving test, the hibiscus, and learning to cope with living in the United States of America.

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V5-5

The author concludes the story with this paragraph because it implies that Saeng will eventually adapt to her new country, and that even though she feels out of place, she can savor her old memories and still appreciate their beauty (symbolized by the hibiscus) in America. For example, in the beginning of Minfeng Ho's story, the main character, Saeng, failed her driver's test. On the walk home, she finds a plant that reminds her of her life in Vietnam. "How strange to see it in a pot," Saeng thought. Back home it just grew wild, jutting out from the cracks in brick walls or between tiled roofs" (Ho, paragraph 7). This elucidates that Saeng feels like the plant is trapped and out of place, indirectly implying that Saeng herself feels trapped and out of place. Ho ends the story with, "In the spring, when... this hibiscus is budding, then I will take that test again" (Ho, ^(last) paragraph 35) to show that the plant will be able to adapt to America. That symbolizes Saeng, and implies that, as "the snow melts", she, too, will be able to adapt. The "driver's test" works to represent a measurement of adaption to one's new surroundings in this story. In conclusion, Ho ends the story this way to prove that Saeng will adapt, and eventually see things on a more positive note, as the story ends with an aura of confidence.

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The author of "Winter Hibiscus" finished the story with the sentence "When they come back, Saeng vowed silently to herself, in the spring, when the snows melt and geese return -- I will take that test". This sentence is added to the end of the story to re-emphasize the theme of rising above challenges and adapting to circumstances. In the

In the story Saeng is unique as she has just moved to America. She feels comforted by her past and homeland. However she has adapted to the circumstances and now finds that she eats big-macs and recognizes the geese and when they will fly over. Saeng must find comfort in her past by remembering memories and this is how she comes to buy the hibiscus. This reflection shows how Saeng rises above her challenges and copes with life. The author places this sentence at the end to verify this theme and show that Saeng isn't discouraged but that she will never give up. The quote also speaks of a time frame when geese will fly. By recognizing this aspect it is seen that Saeng has already begun to assimilate or adapt to a foreign culture.

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V5-9

The author concludes the story with this paragraph. Because it's showing Saeng is going to take the test in a time when she feels comfortable like she did in her home land. Also she will be successful, my reasons for that will be; she is not use to the winter time right now. The plants are going to come out in the spring. Now she has a hibiscus in the back yard of their house. So it can remind her of her home land, how greatful it was there. The garden was rich and sweet sented to her and familiar also. She starts to adapt to her new land in the United States. And by the time in the spring, she will be settled in.

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V6-1

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V6-3

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The author concludes the story with this paragraph for many things. First, because he wants the people to think about it. Also, because he wants to make the end more interesting. Finally, because he doesn't want to be too specific, he wants us to make our own end for the story. There is why I think that the author concludes the story with this paragraph.

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V6-5

"When they come back, Seery vowed silently to herself, in the spring, when the snows melt and the geese return and this hibiscus is budding, then I will take that test again." The author includes that in the paragraph because the story was about adapting and overcoming things, and I guess Seery must didn't adapt to something or even was afraid to overcome a challenge that was hidden her way.

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The author concludes the story with the paragraph mentioning both the geese and hibiscus in order to show how Saeng has learned to love both her countries, and is comfortable in them. For example when Saeng sees the hibiscus she feels "a shock of recognition so intense, it was almost visceral". The connection Saeng feels with the plant shows the comfort she draws from her home country. Another example is when of Saeng's connection with the plant is when, "a wave of loss so deep and strong that it closed Saeng's eyes as she swept over her." The intense emotion Saeng feels is indicative of the comfort the plant used to bring her in her home country. As for the geese Saeng's reaction to recognizing their call shows her feelings about her new home, "many of the things she had thought of as strange before had become... almost familiar to her now." Saeng is shown to have become acclimated to her new home and beginning to embrace it. By waiting for the "geese" and "hibiscus" to take her test Saeng shows how both her love for both her homes helps her through her daily struggles.

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V6-9

The author concluded the story with "when they come back, Saeng vowed silently to herself, in the spring, when the snows melt and the geese return and his hibiscus is budding then I will take that test again because it shows that she won't give up. Just like the flowers and geese, they come back after winter, she will do the same to get her learners."

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