

The GATEWAY ARCH

If you are ever in Missouri, you should visit the Gateway Arch. It is amazing. You can see it from 30 miles away. You can also ride a tram to the top! It is 630 feet tall. That makes it the tallest monument in all 50 states.

The Gateway Arch is an important symbol, too. It reminds us of the role St. Louis played in our history. Many settlers started out from St. Louis on their way west. It was called the “gateway” to the west. That is why this beautiful monument is called the Gateway Arch.

Writer’s Tip

- Your opinion is your judgment about something.
- To persuade others to share your opinion, back it up with facts.



Opinion and Supporting Facts

- ▶ Reread the passage. Find and underline the writer's opinion. Then find the supporting facts and fill in the lines below.

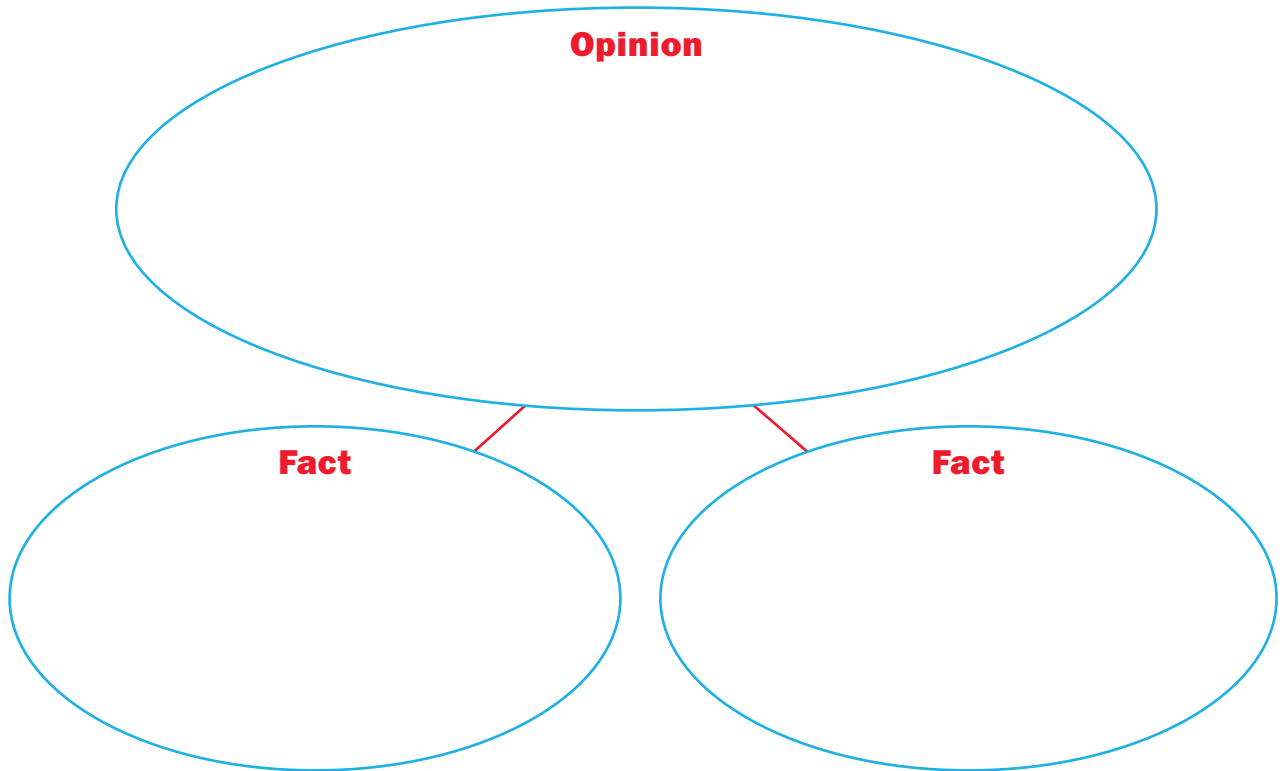
Writer's Opinion: You should visit the Gateway Arch.

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Your Turn

- ▶ Write your opinion about the topic you chose. Then write facts that support your judgment.



- ▶ Use your graphic organizer to write a paragraph that states your opinion. Include supporting facts.