

GO MASSACHUSETTS!

I think that Massachusetts is a wonderful place to live. One reason I like Massachusetts is that there are many historic sites here. I can visit Plymouth Rock. It is one of the first places Europeans settled when they came to North America. Or I can go to Lexington and Concord. These are towns where important Revolutionary War battles took place.

Massachusetts has beautiful places to visit. Boston is the biggest city. It has museums, parks, and the Charles River. You can go camping in the Berkshire Mountains. They are especially pretty in the fall, when all the leaves change color.

Last but not least, we have great sports teams. Go Massachusetts!



Writer's Tip

- An opinion is what someone thinks. Persuasive speeches give the speaker's opinion about a particular topic.
- When you write a speech, use facts to support your opinions.

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: _____

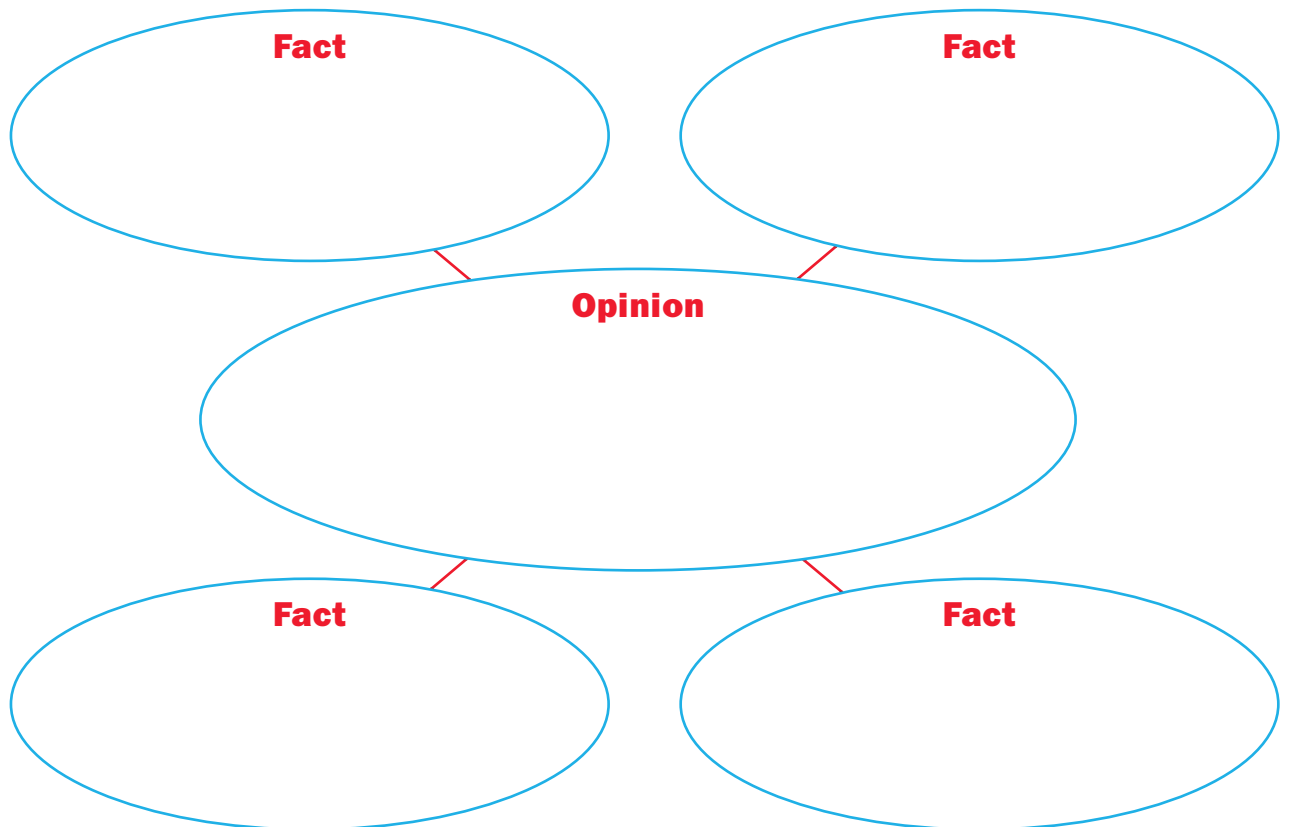
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Your Turn

- ▶ Think about your speech topic. What is the main opinion you are expressing? What facts might you use to support your opinion?



- ▶ Use your graphic organizer to write a paragraph of your speech. State your opinion and include supporting facts.