

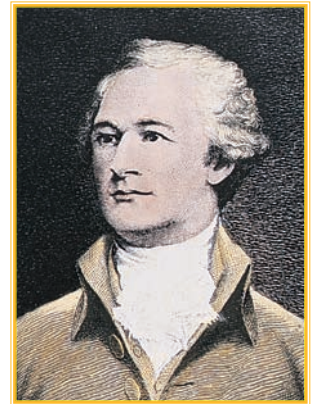
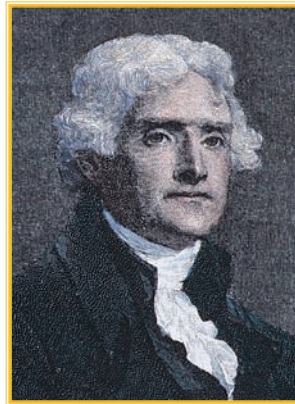
# A HOME OF THEIR OWN

## Writer's Tip

- Explain your purpose as clearly and simply as possible.
- Support your ideas with facts and details.

When the United States was young, Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson had different ideas about how to run it. Looking back, more than 200 years later, I believe that Jefferson's ideas were correct.

Jefferson felt that the federal government should be small and that the individual states should have more power. Then, he argued, the federal government could not threaten people's freedom. Jefferson also believed that all citizens should have a voice in government.



Hamilton believed that the federal government should have a lot of power. He feared that if the government were too weak, it would fall apart. He also thought that only the well-educated should have a say in government. He felt that ordinary people did not know enough to make good decisions.

I think Jefferson had the right idea. He wanted to give power to the people. I also believe that the people are responsible enough to make their own decisions. This country was founded so people could be free.

### Communicate Your Purpose

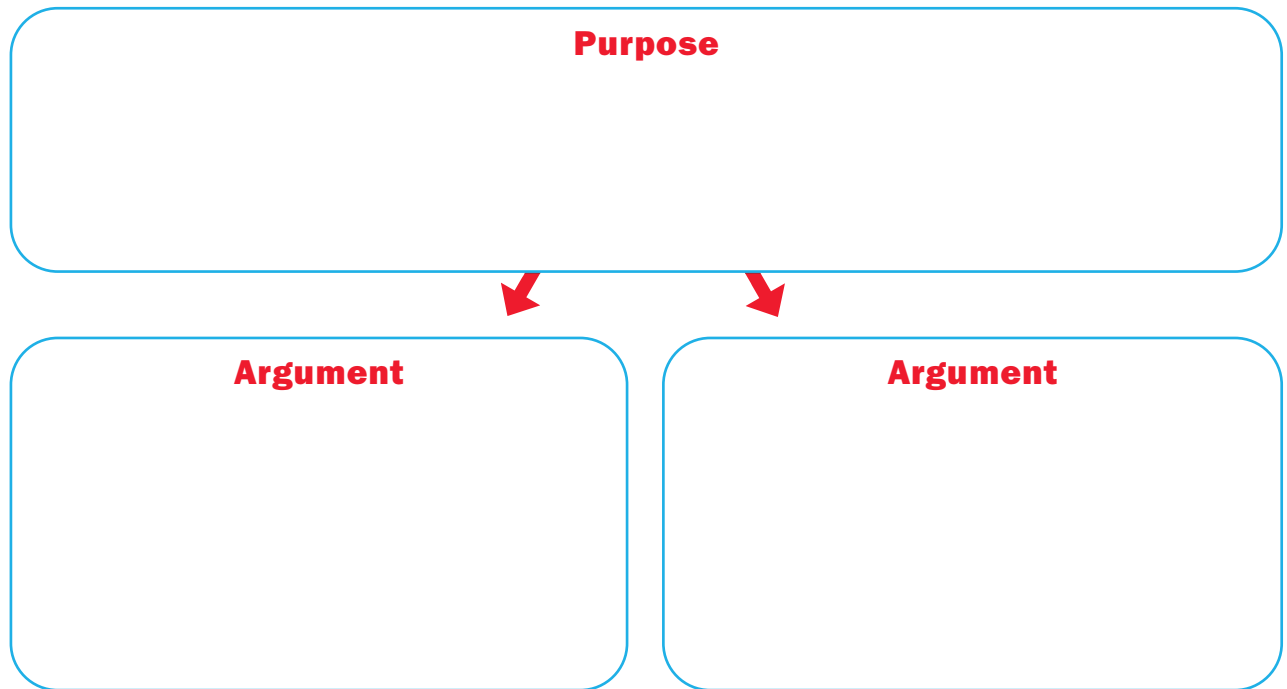
▶ Reread the passage. Circle the sentences that explain the author’s purpose for writing. Underline the supporting details. Then write them on the lines below.

① What was the author’s purpose for writing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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② What details did the author give to support this purpose? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Your Turn

▶ Think of the topic you have chosen and why you think your ideas are right. Use the graphic organizer below to put your ideas in order.



▶ Use your graphic organizer to write a persuasive paragraph about your topic. Be sure to state your purpose clearly.