



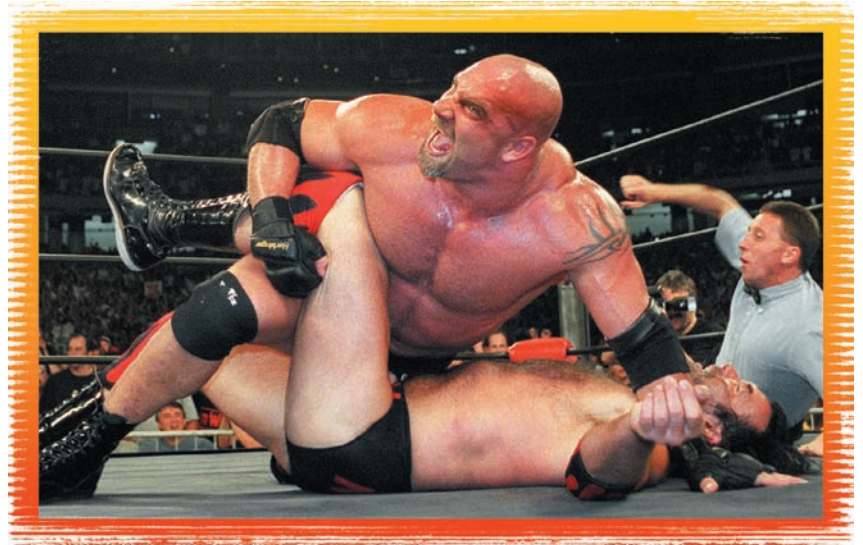
Writer's Tip

- To make your essay more convincing, follow *opinions* with *supporting arguments*.
- Good supporting arguments contain reasons and facts.

Prime-time television viewers are being assaulted by the ultra-violence of pro-wrestling. When heavyweight champ Goldberg body-slams an opponent on prime-time TV, there are millions of viewers tuning in. Many of those viewers are teenagers and children.

Lately, more and more kids are copying the moves they see on TV. They're holding backyard wrestling matches and using the moves in school. As a result, teens are being injured. That is why some parents and school officials object to World Wrestling Federation (WWF) matches airing during prime time. This is when many young people watch TV. These parents and school officials are right.

The shows promote the idea of solving problems with violence. Some young people may not understand that pro-wrestlers are following scripts. Although the fights are staged and the violence is fake, it looks very convincing. And because the moves can be dangerous, some of the blood is real. That's why I think pro-wrestling should only be on cable or late night television.



Opinions and Supporting Arguments

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

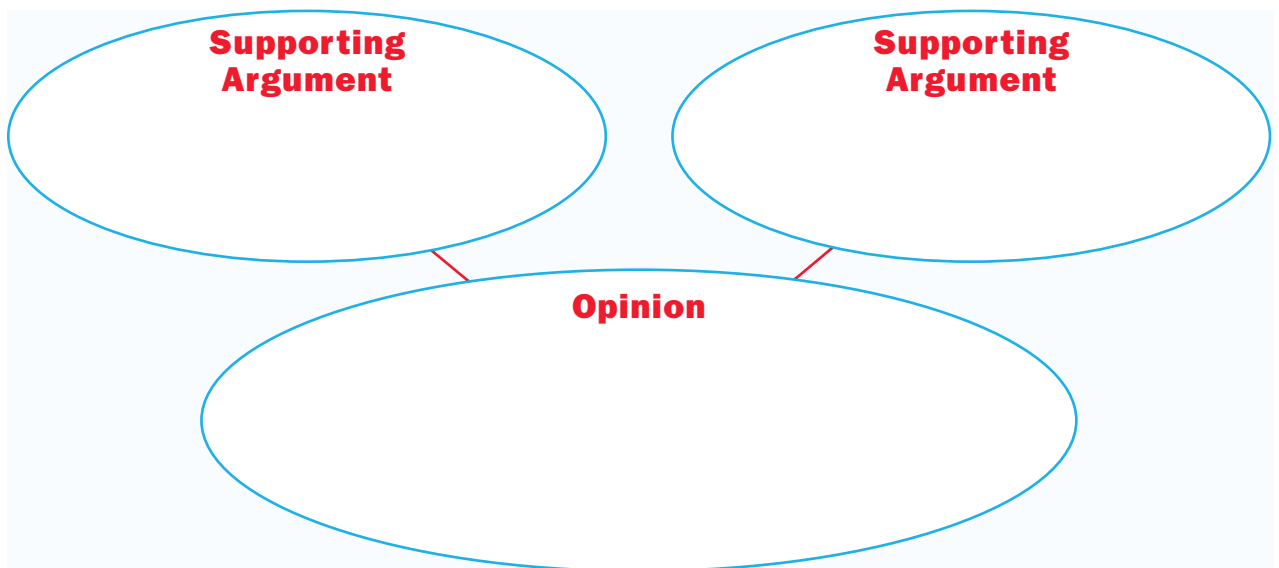
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Your Turn

- ▶ Think about the topic you have chosen. What is the main opinion you are expressing? What arguments might you use to support that opinion?



- ▶ Use your graphic organizer to write a paragraph explaining your opinion. Be sure to include supporting arguments that contain facts and reasons.