

Persuasive Essay: Prewriting

A **persuasive essay** tells about a goal and explains why the goal is important.

Parts of a Persuasive Essay

- A beginning that states a clear goal, or something you want readers to do
- Middle paragraphs that tell reasons why the goal is important
- Facts that explain more about each reason
- An ending that states the goal in a different way



Brainstorming List

- Putting seat belts on school buses
- Learning how to swim
- Having a safety buddy
- Eating fruits and vegetables



Name _____

Follow your teacher's directions to complete this page.



a.

Putting seat belts in
school buses

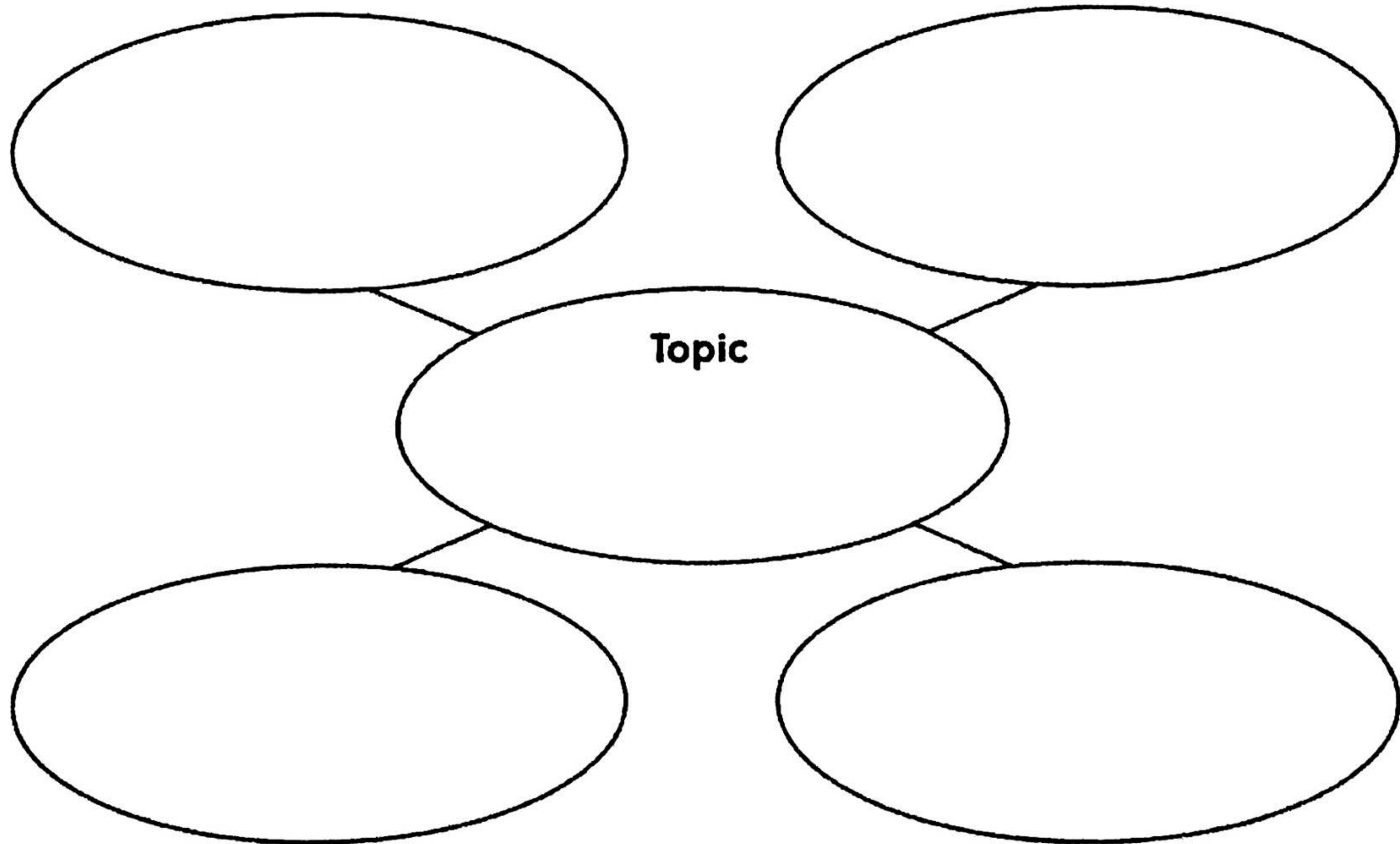
Learning how to swim

Eating fruits and vegetables

Eating a good breakfast

Raising money for the local fire department

b.



On a separate sheet of paper, list topics for a persuasive essay you want to write. Choose a topic. Then fill in a flow chart with details about that topic.



On another sheet of paper, plan a persuasive essay, or use what you have learned to improve another plan.

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Our school should _____

_____.

The most important reason _____

_____. For example, _____

_____.

It is good because _____

_____.

Then, kids can _____.

_____.

I think _____

_____.



On a separate sheet of paper, write a persuasive essay to your school's principal. Include all of the parts of a persuasive essay.



On a separate sheet of paper, use your prewriting plan to write a persuasive essay, or plan and write a persuasive essay about exercising before going to bed at night.