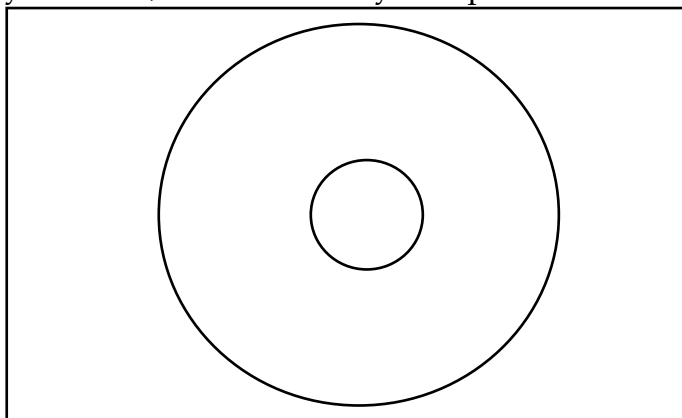


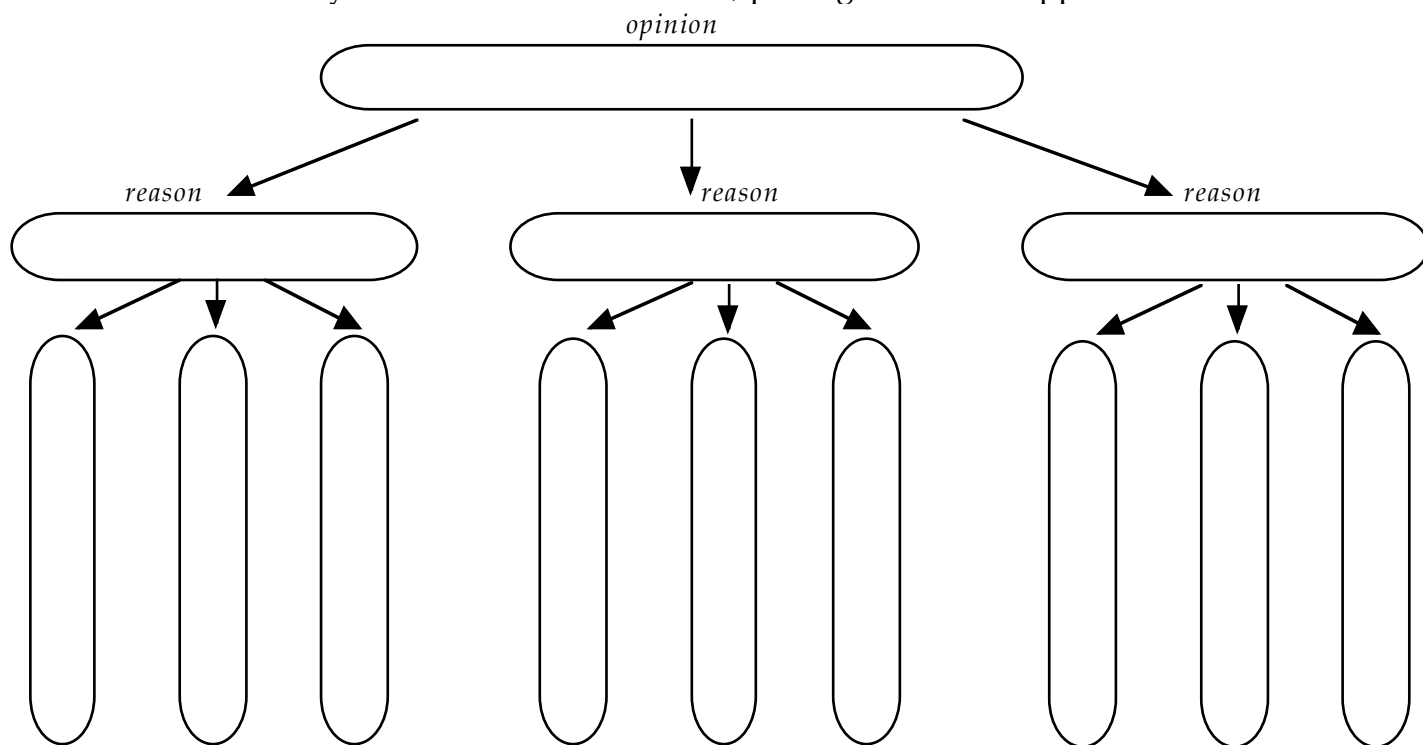
# Writing a persuasive argument

First, find out about your issue, and decide on your opinion.



- Write your opinion in the middle circle.
- In the big circle around it, write the reasons for your opinion - why do you think that?
- In the square outside, write the influences that helped you make up your mind (they may be books, or TV, or internet, or people).

Now choose three of the best reasons for your opinion. Put the opinion at the top, then the three reasons across the next layer. Now under each reason, put arguments to support that reason.



Now organise your article.

In the first box is your introduction, where you explain the issue and give your opinion and a brief summary of the reasons. In the second box (or paragraph), explain your first reason, which should be the best one. The next two boxes are for the next two reasons. The last paragraph is your conclusion, which restates your opinion, and reinforces why people should think like you do.

