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Welcome to *Zaner-Bloser Handwriting*! Throughout your child's handwriting book, you'll see Digital Tutor QR codes. Help your child scan the codes with a mobile device to access instructional videos that reinforce the basics of handwriting and how to write letters and numerals. Turn to page 1 for more information.



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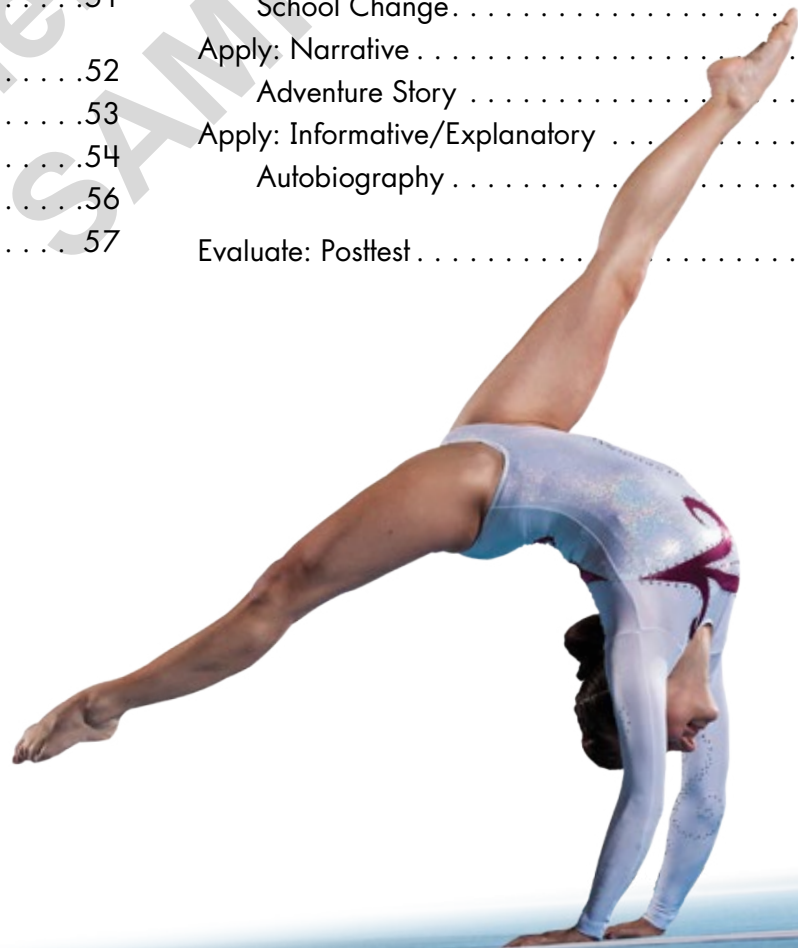
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# Explore Your Book

You write for many reasons at school, at home, and in your community. The lessons in this book will help you write legibly so you and other people can easily read what you have written.



## Meet Zaney

Zaney will be popping up in your book to help you form letters and make sure your writing is easy to read!

## Digital Tutor

You'll see **Digital Tutor** codes throughout your book. Scan them with a mobile device to watch handwriting videos. Scan the QR code at the right to learn more about your Digital Tutor.

### Digital Tutor

Introduction



### Digital Tutor

Stop and Check




### Digital Tutor

Keys to Legibility



## Stop and Check

Evaluating your own handwriting is a good habit to form. When you see the **Stop and Check**  sign in this book, stop and circle the best letter you wrote on that line. Scan the QR code at the right to learn more about evaluating your own handwriting.

## Keys to Legibility

You will see the **Keys to Legibility**<sup>™</sup> throughout this book. They will help you remember to check the **Shape**, **Size**, **Spacing**, and **Slant** of your writing to make sure it is easy to read. Scan the QR code at the right to learn more about legibility and what your handwriting says about you.

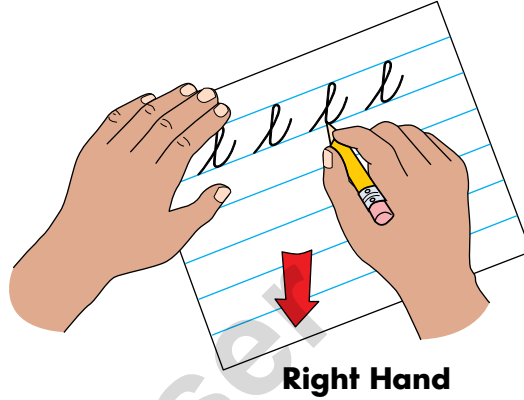
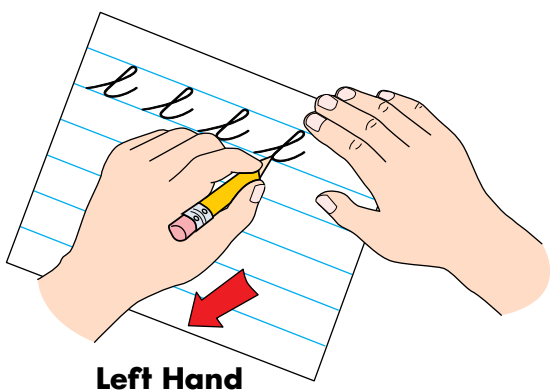


# Practice

## Writing Positions and Basic Strokes

Sit comfortably with your feet flat on the floor. Rest both arms on the desk. Shift your paper as you write.

### Paper Position



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Paper Position



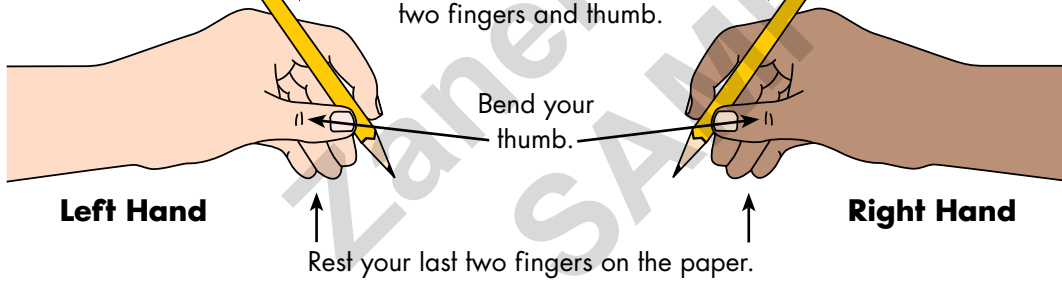
### Pencil Position

Point the pencil toward your left elbow.

Rest the pencil near your big knuckle.

Hold the pencil with your first two fingers and thumb.

Point the pencil toward your right shoulder.



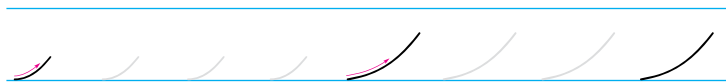
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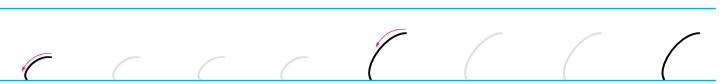


Practice the basic cursive strokes.

### Undercurve



### Downcurve



### Overcurve



### Diagonal



**Cursive Letters and Numerals** Look at the cursive letters and numerals. Use them to help you write answers to the questions.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg  
Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm  
Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt  
Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Write your full name.

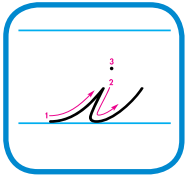
Write the name of your school, its street address, and the city and state.

Write your date of birth and your age.

Write the title of your favorite book or song.

Write the letters and numerals you like to write best.

# Write



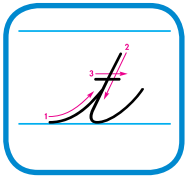
**Undercurve Letters** Trace and write. Finish the joining or word before dotting the *i* or crossing the *t*.

*i i i i i i i i i* ✓

*ie is id ic in im* ✓

*individual island imagine*

*icicles aliens blister*



*t t t t t t t t* ✓

*te ti ta to ty tm* ✓

*target tempt tower*

*activity department notion*



## Undercurve-to-Undercurve Joining

The undercurve ending swings wide directly into the undercurve of the following letter.

*ie* not *ie*

Check other samples of your writing for undercurve joinings that need improvement.



**Shape** Circle three letters you wrote that have good shape.

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**Undercurve Letters** Trace and write.

*u u u u u u u*

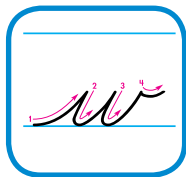


*ub us uo ud un uv*



*universe fluoride cloudier*

*mustang souvenir ruby*



*w w w w w w w*



*we wh wa wo wn wy*



*westward wharf wood*

*wardrobe downhill shadowy*



### Checkstroke-to-Undercurve Joining

The checkstroke ending swings right to form the loop in *h*.

*wh* not *wh*

Check other samples of your writing for checkstroke joinings that need improvement.

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# Review



**Clipped Words** Write the underlined part of each long word. Then write the entire longer word.

1. taxicab

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2. champion

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3. luncheon

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4. telephone

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5. omnibus

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6. newspaper

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7. gymnasium

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8. memorandum

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9. examination

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10. veterinarian

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My writing has good

 **Shape**

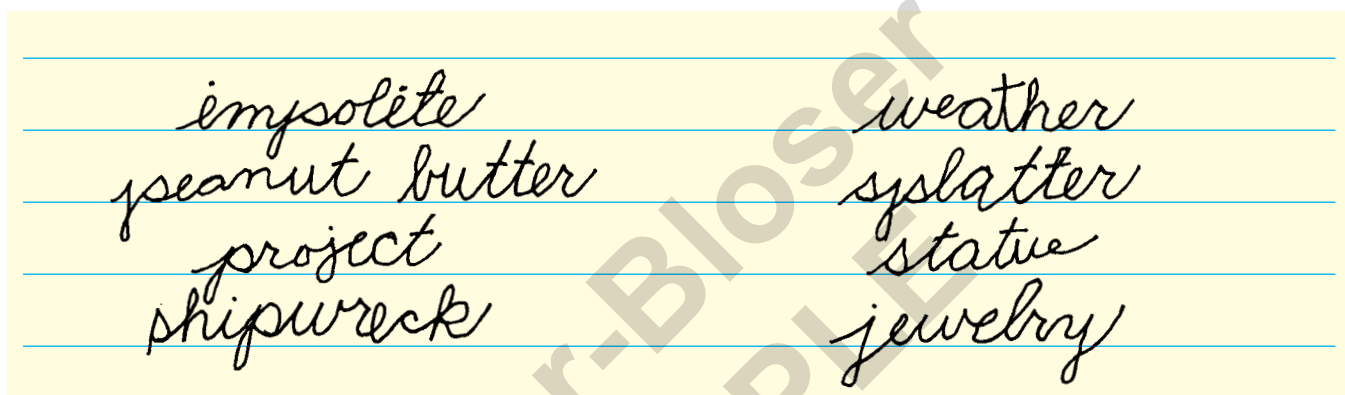
 **Size**

**Spelling Words** Use the handwriting skills you've learned to complete the page.

1. Study these tips for legible writing. They will help you avoid common handwriting errors when you write.

- ✓ Keep loops open in letters with loops. Write *l* not *l*.
- ✓ Make sure your undercurves rest on the baseline. Write *u* not *u*.
- ✓ Keep checkstrokes at the right height. Write *b* not *b*.
- ✓ Keep your slant uniform. Write *w* not *w*.

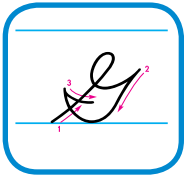
2. Look at these words from a student's spelling list. Underline letters that need improvement.




3. Rewrite the spelling words correctly. Then write some of your spelling or vocabulary words. Remember to leave space for margins. Pay attention to the tips for legible writing. ✓ Circle your best letter.

Blank lined writing area for rewriting words and adding new ones.

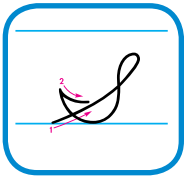
**Undercurve-Loop Letters** Trace and write.




*G G G G G G G G G* 

*Gettysburg Grayling Gary*

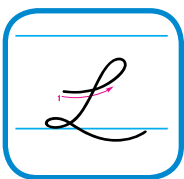
*Golden Gibraltar Gallup*



*S S S S S S S S S* 

*South Dakota South Carolina*

*Salem Savannah Seattle*



*L L L L L L L L L* 


*Lafayette Louisiana Lansing*

*Lake Erie Lexington Lima*



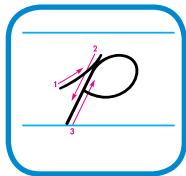
**Joinings** *L* is not joined to the letter that follows.  
Joining *G* and *S* is optional.

*Go Sa Go Sa*  
Unjoined Joined

 **Size** Circle three letters you wrote that have good size.

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**Undercurve-Diagonal Letters** Trace and write.



P P P P P P P P P



Pennsylvania Philadelphia

Palo Alto The Pacific Palisades



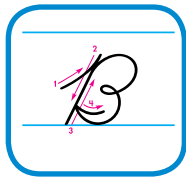
R R R R R R R R R



Rh Re Ri Ra Ro Ry



Raleigh Rhode Island Reno



B B B B B B B B B



Boston Boise Bunker Hill

Boonesville Bowie Buffalo



**Joinings** R is joined to the letter that follows.

P is not joined to the letter that follows.

Joining B is optional.

Ba

Unjoined

Ba

Joined

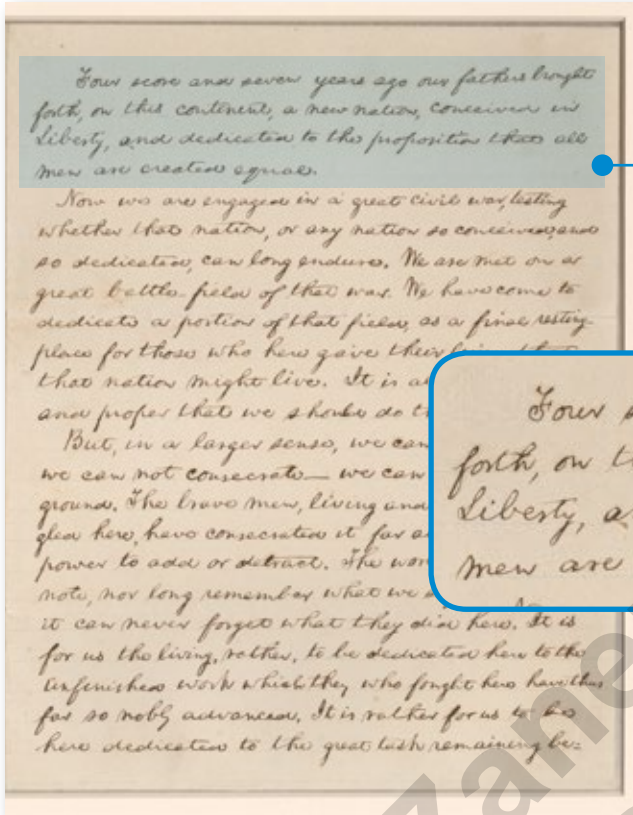
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## Reading Historical Documents

This is a draft of the Gettysburg Address written by Abraham Lincoln in November 1863. Using the enlarged text to the right, copy the first paragraph of this famous speech.



Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

The first paragraph states: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

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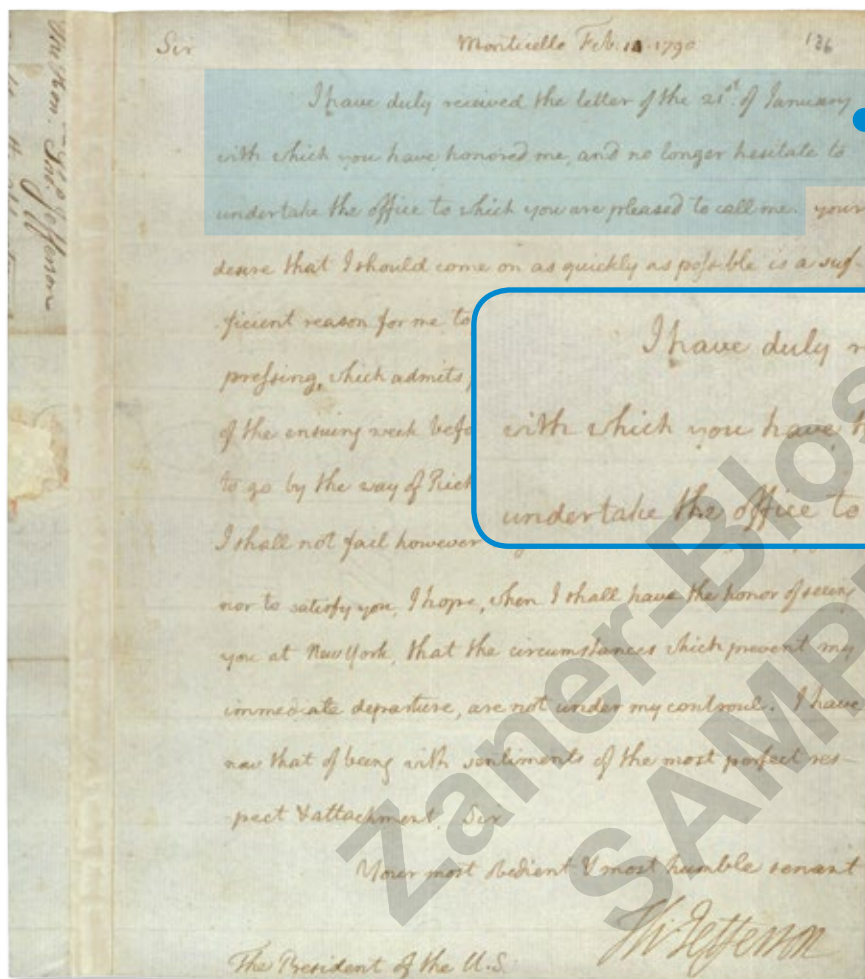
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## Reading Historical Documents

On February 14, 1790, Thomas Jefferson wrote a letter to President George Washington to accept the appointment as Secretary of State. Using the enlarged text to the right, copy the first sentence of the letter in your best cursive handwriting.



The first sentence states: "I have duly received the letter of the 21st of January with which you have honored me, and no longer hesitate to undertake the office to which you are pleased to call me."

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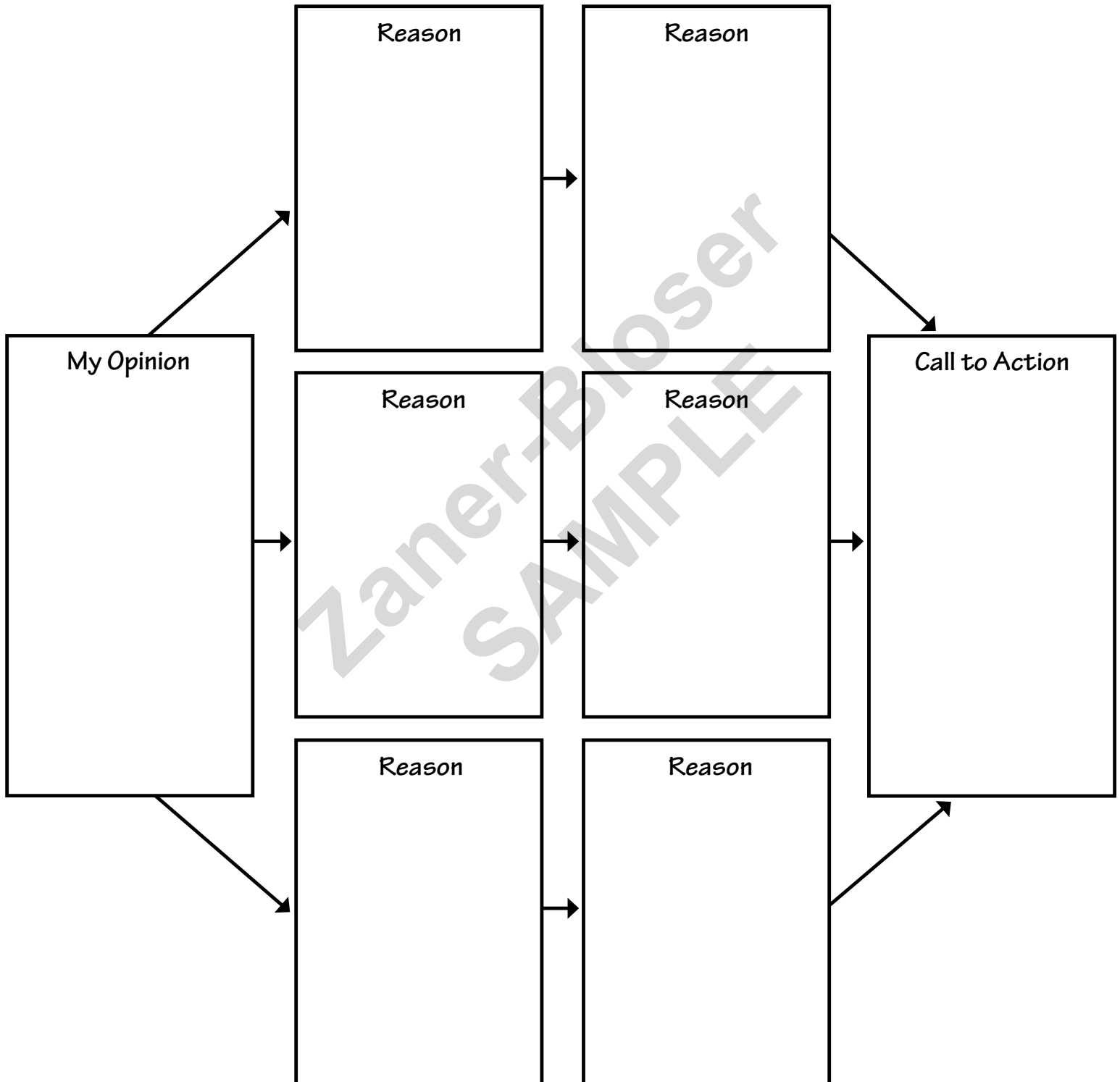
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## Opinion

**School Change** What is one change you would like to see take place at your school? Complete the graphic organizer with your opinion, supporting reasons, and a call to action.





**School Change** Use the information from your graphic organizer to write an opinion piece. Be sure to group ideas logically and to provide a concluding statement. Remember to indent the first line of each paragraph and to leave space for margins.

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