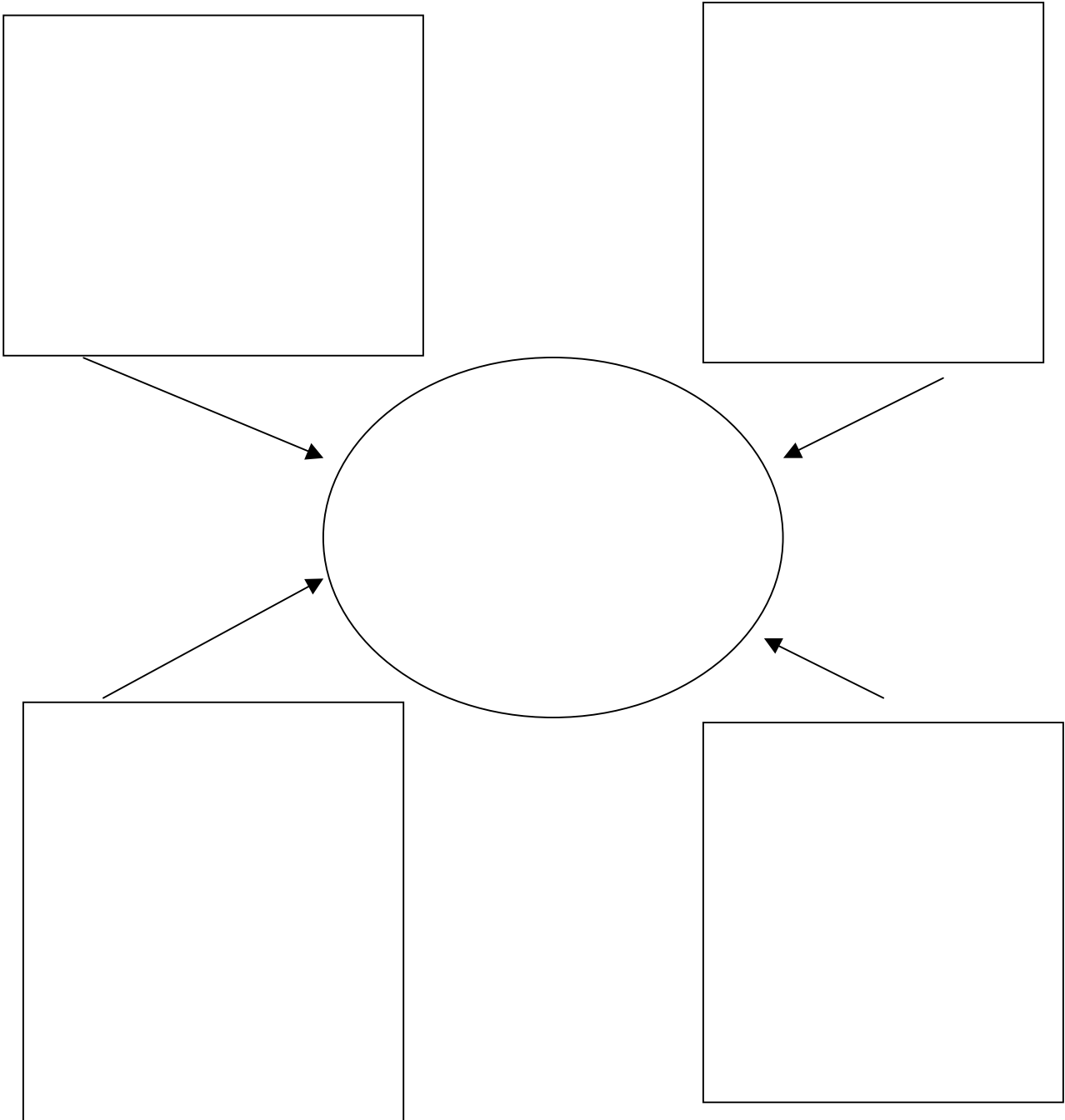


## I can organize information to support an idea.

ILS 5A: I can organize information to support an idea.

Write the idea in the circle.

Then draw pictures or use words in the boxes to show examples that support that idea.



### Write What You Think

Explain the idea in your own words.

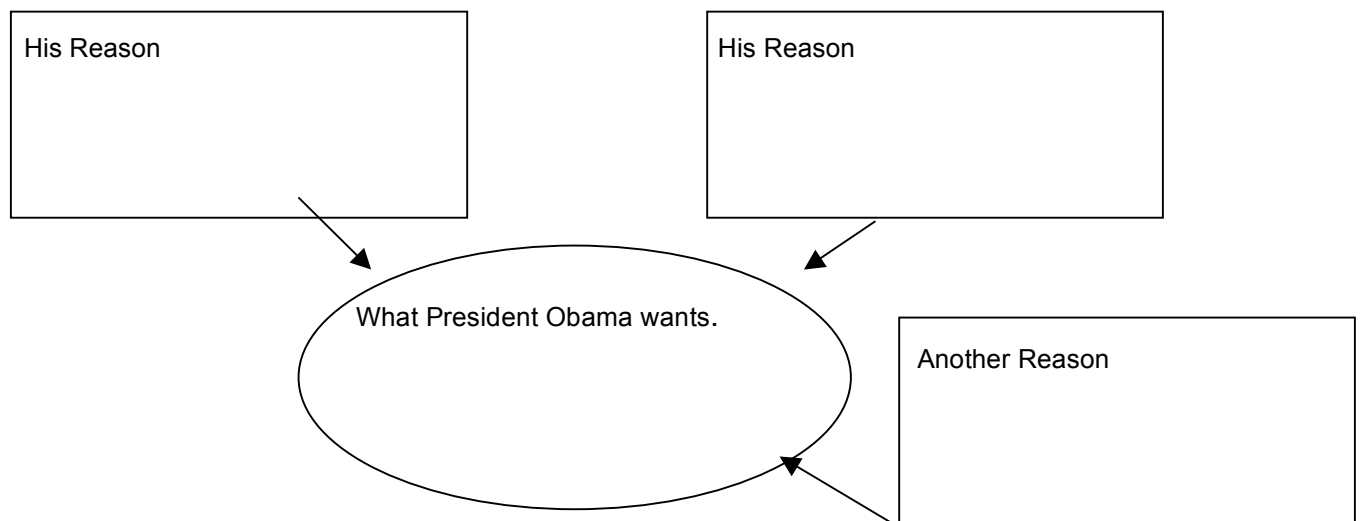
## What Does President Obama Want You to Do?

*ILS1C: I can identify the main idea and supporting information*

*The following passage is part of a report that the Obama-Biden campaign prepared about service and volunteering.*

For Barack Obama, public service has not been just the slogan of a campaign; it has been the cause of his life. Obama began his career by moving to the South Side of Chicago to direct the Developing Communities Project. Together with a coalition of ministers, Obama set out to improve living conditions in poor neighborhoods plagued by crime and high unemployment. After graduating from law school, Obama passed up lucrative law firm jobs to head Project Vote, which helped register 150,000 new African American voters in Chicago, the highest number ever registered in a single local effort. Michelle Obama was founding executive director of Public Allies Chicago, a leadership development program that identifies and prepares talented young adults for careers serving the public good. Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe public service is transformative, helping both the individuals that serve and the communities that benefit. ...

Barack Obama calls his years working as a community organizer in Chicago's South Side the best education he ever had. He believes that all students should serve their communities. Studies show that students who participate in service-learning programs do better in school, are more likely to graduate high school and go to college, and are more likely to become active, engaged citizens. Schools that require service as part of the educational experience create improved learning environments and serve as resources for their communities.



### Organize Your Thoughts

First, answer the question—what does President Obama want students to do? Then put two of his reasons in the boxes. Then add one more reason you think of.

Write your opinion about this idea. Do you agree or disagree? Why?