

### **Illinois Futures**

Each year, the state of Illinois opens the legislative session. Each year, the governor describes the state's progress. He also explains what he thinks is important for the state to accomplish.

Write that speech. In your speech, make recommendations to the state legislature of kinds of programs you think the state needs. Give reasons for your recommendations. Describe the state in the future after these programs take place. Use persuasive techniques in your speech.

### **Persuasive Project: Our Future**

Write an open letter to the new representatives of the State of Illinois. They could work at the state or national level. Explain what you think the new government should do to:

- Support better schools
- Improve transportation
- Improve communication
- Decrease crime
- Decrease poverty
- Improve health
- Help Illinois farmers