



## Wrap Up Your Task

For your chapter task, you need to write a position paper for the Canadian Minister of Finance. Your position paper will answer the question:

**Should Canada and the United States have a common economic system with limited government involvement?**

### Summarize Your Ideas

Review the chart you began on page 197 and summarize your ideas about different views and perspectives on mixed and market economies. Remember, you will need to consider the purpose and audience for your writing. Consider the “Steps to Writing for Different Purposes and Audiences” that you practised on pages 216 and 217.

### Write Your Position Paper

Use an organizer like the one below to help you draft your position paper.

<b>Should Canada and the United States have a common economic system?</b>	
<b>Introduce the Question</b>	<i>Explain your purpose and who the audience is for this position paper. Explain some background information about why this question is important to explore. Define important terms, such as mixed and market economy.</i>
<b>Your Position</b>	<i>State some views and perspectives on the issue.</i>
<b>Counter-arguments</b>	<i>Canada and the United States should/should not have one economic system because...</i>
<b>Evidence Needed to Support Your Position</b>	<i>Give some opposing arguments to your position to show that you recognize opposing views on the issue. Include facts, figures and strong reasons supporting your position. Provide examples of how a ___ economy would benefit Canadians most. Insert quotes from different individuals that support your position.</i>
<b>Conclusion</b>	<i>Restate your position with a summary of your evidence.</i>



### TIPS FOR WRITING A POSITION PAPER

- ✓ Identify your audience and purpose for writing.
- ✓ Research your position thoroughly.
- ✓ Organize your evidence in a logical and persuasive order.
- ✓ Write and proofread your first draft.
- ✓ Rewrite and revise your drafts to make your ideas clear and concise.
- ✓ Make sure your final draft is typed or neatly handwritten.