

# Unit 3

## After Confederation

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### Chapter 8, Lesson 1: Skill Builder - Develop an Opinion - Key

**Complete the questions in the chart below.**

<b>What is an opinion?</b>	An opinion is a person's thoughts or beliefs about something.
<b>What influences someone's opinion?</b>	Things such as facts, examples, figures and data, and observations can influence someone's opinion.
<b>What is an example of an opinion?</b>	Answers will vary. Example: Chocolate ice cream is better than vanilla.
<b>The issue is</b>	DNA testing has many benefits and can help many people.
<b>What is your opinion on this issue and why?</b>	Answers will vary. Example: I think DNA testing is very beneficial.
<b>Do you have enough information to make this opinion?</b>	I need to find information on the areas of DNA testing that could be beneficial: how it is used for health benefits, to identify people, and to understand people's characteristics.
<b>If you do not, where might you find more information about this issue?</b>	I can research on the Internet and in books, and conduct interviews.
<b>When your research is completed, you can state your point of view as a statement. Read the examples in the textbook for facts, examples, figures and data, and observations.</b>	Example: DNA testing can help identify people, can predict illness, and can help people understand physical characteristics and personality traits.
<b>Read the "write the closing" paragraph in your textbook and provide a sentence which you might use in a conclusion.</b>	Example: DNA testing is used for many different areas of society. DNA testing is crucial in identifying people and can predict health problems. DNA testing is used by historians to discover how people lived and died in the past.