

Cause and Effect Essay

Basic Rules

- **Effect-Focused Method** – In which an emphasis is laid on the results or effects of a situation or an event.
- **Cause-Focused method** – In this, different causes of an event are focused on and discussed.
- Cause and effect essay talks about 'why' and 'how' of a situation. Everything happens for a reason or cause and effects.
- To start with, it is important to note that these kinds of essays are not written on your opinion and personal beliefs. You cannot make up your argument, no matter how logical, and prove a cause and its effect of an event or action

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Introduction

- An introduction contains the following information:
- Hook statement
- Precise and relevant information
- Thesis Statement
- An introductory paragraph is started using a hook statement to grab the reader's attention. This statement can be a fact, anecdote or question.
- After providing a catchy [hook statement](#), give some relevant background information about the topic. Make sure to not reveal important facts and only give away the introductory information.
- At the end of the introduction section, the thesis statement is provided. This is to let the audience know why the specific essay is drafted and what to expect from the writing.

Formulating a thesis statement

- Formulating a thesis When you formulate a thesis statement, be sure it identifies the relationship among the specific causes or effects you will discuss. This thesis statement should tell your readers three things: the issues you plan to consider, the position you will take, and whether your emphasis is on causes, effects, or both. Your thesis statement may also indicate explicitly or implicitly the cause or effect you consider most important and the order in which you will present your points.

Body Paragraphs

- Structure your body paragraphs according to the chosen method or technique. All the paragraphs in the body section should contain the following things:
- Topic sentence
- Explanation
- Examples
- Transition words

Conclusion

- The conclusion section of a cause and effect essay is drafted like that in other types of essays. It includes a summary of the strongest points in the content and a restated thesis statement.
- The purpose of restating the thesis statement is to remind the audience of the writer's main stance and how it is proved. Close your discussion by providing suggestions, opinions.

Transitions

after	because (of)	caused by	for	for this purpose
aftermath	because of this	cause	for these reasons	for this reason
accordingly	but	due to	gradually	in effect
as a consequence	by reason of	eventually	henceforth	on account of
As a result (of)	cause	furthermore	Ifthen	on this account
so	therefore	to have an effect on	in view of	to result in
so that	thereupon	to effect	outgrowth	to cause
subsequently	thus	induced	reason	thereby
then	to this end	impact	created	to have an effect on
thereafter	incidentally	In short	consequently	to affect

NOTE:

- NOTE: Words such as because, therefore, and consequently indicate a causal relationship (WHY something happened).
- Words such as then, next, subsequently, later, and afterward indicate a chronological relationship (WHEN something happened). Do not confuse these.
- (Kirszner and Mandell 321-330)