



Cause and Effect Essay

An essay is a short piece of non-fiction prose. Essays are a useful form of communicating ideas through writing because they can be read more quickly and easily than books. The **cause-and-effect essay** is an argumentative essay that makes a case for relationships between two subjects. Typically, the author will show how a person, thing, idea, or event influenced another person, thing, idea or event.

Cause and effect essays are important because they teach critical thinking, logic, and persuasive writing. The basic format of this kind of essay is that an author identifies or describes something significant and then tries to identify what causes are behind it.

DIRECTIONS: The first step to writing a good cause and effect essay is to brainstorm an interesting topic. The best way to do this is to observe the world around you and think about what might be causing some of the phenomenon that you see. Consider natural, social, and/or cultural movement, as well as the development and evolution of ideas. In the space below, identify a few possible topics of interest to you. Try to identify at least three causes and three effects.

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