



Cause and Effect Thesis

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.

There are several ways to approach the thesis for a cause and effect essay:

- Focus on a single cause-and-effect relationship
- Show how one event causes multiple effects
- Explore how a single phenomenon has multiple causes

DIRECTIONS: Answer the questions below as you think about the thesis statement for your cause and effect essay.

1. My topic is _____

2. Find the row that applies to the essay you have in mind, and complete that row with the information you have at this time.

Focus	Cause(s)	Effect(s)
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