



Cause and Effect Essay Outline

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. The basic outline for a cause and effect essay is below. You may discuss effects before causes if you prefer.

Introduction	Describe what your essay will be about. Include a thesis statement which highlights what you think is the main cause or effect of your topic.
Body Paragraph: Cause	Describe what you feel is the main cause of the person, thing, idea, or event you are discussing. Provide evidence to support your point. You may then follow up by discussing secondary causes.
Body Paragraph: Effect	Begin with the biggest and most significant effect of the situation. Provide supporting evidence. Include other effects worth noting if applicable.
Conclusion	Restate your thesis. Summarize the main points of your essay. Leave the reader with a thought-provoking statement or idea.