

# Chapter 6

## Cause / Effect Essay

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# **WHAT IS A CAUSE AND EFFECT ESSAY?**

**A cause and effect essay is a type of essay in which its method is to discuss both the reasons(why things happen) and the results(what happened).**

# **THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO ORGANIZE A CAUSE/EFFECT ESSAY**

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# **1. BLOCK ORGANIZATION**

**BLOCK ORGANIZATION IS ONE OF THE MOST USEFULL WAYS TO STRUCTURE A SHORT ESSAY. IT MOSTLY CONSISTS IN EVALUATING CAUSES OR EFFECTS IN A BLOCK SO AN IDEA IS COMPLETE BEFORE MOVING TO NEXT PARAGRAPH.**

# Writing Technique Questions

- 1. Is the topic of this essay primarily the causes or the effects of shyness?**
- 2. Which paragraph(s) discuss(es) the causes?**
- 3. Which paragraph(s) discuss(es) the effects?**
- 4. What two subtopics are named in the thesis statement?**
- 5. Which paragraph(s) discuss(es) the first subtopic?**
- 6. Which paragraph(s) discuss(es) the second subtopic?**
- 7. What is the function of paragraph 3?**
- 8. Which pattern (A, B, C, or D) does the model follow?**

# **TRANSITION PARAGRAPHS**

**WHEN MAKING A CAUSE/EFFECT  
ESSAY USING BLOCK ORGANIZATION  
IT IS ESSENTIAL TO USE TRANSITION  
PARAGRAPH TO MAKE THE ESSAY  
MORE FLUENT**

## **2. Chain Organization**

**Causes and effects are linked to each other in a chain, chain organization usually works better than block organization when the causes and effects are too closely linked to be separated.**

# CHAIN ORGANIZATION

## Introduction

Cause

Effect

Cause

Effect

Cause

Effect

Cause

Effect

## Conclusion

# Cause Signal Words

•For

•Due to because of

•Because

•The effect of

•Since

•The consequence of

•As

•As a result of

•To result from

•As a consequence of

•To be the result of

# Effect Signal Words

- **So**
- **As a result**
- **As a consequence Therefore**
- **Thus**
- **Consequently**
- **Hence**
- **To result in**
- **To cause**
- **To have an effect on**
- **To affect**
- **The cause of**
- **The reason for**