

Cause and Effect Essays



Topics

- Every event has a cause and every cause has a result.
- Examples of topics that lend themselves to cause and effect essays are the events of 9-11 (the causes can be traced or the effects discussed), illnesses (the causes can be traced or the results discussed), or divorce (the causes can be traced or the effects discussed).
- Your choice of topic will be dictated by the requirements of your assignment.



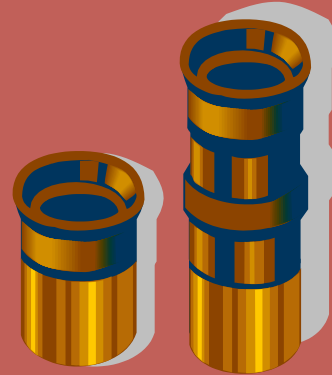
Organization

- Like any other essay, a cause and effect essay begins with an interesting introductory paragraph, which ends in a clear and relevant thesis statement (statement of purpose for the essay). In the introduction to a cause and effect essay, you can set the stage for the rest of the essay by discussing the cause or the effect you will be exploring in the body of your paper.
- The introduction is followed by body paragraphs in which you will elaborate upon the thesis.
- End the essay with a memorable concluding paragraph.



Point of View

- For cause and effect essays, always use the third-person point of view.
- This will help you to discuss your topic objectively.



Final Steps

Before submitting your essay for a grade, remember to proofread it three times, first to ensure that you have met the requirements of the assignment, next to check your organization and that you have not strayed from your thesis, and finally for mechanical errors.

