



Exposition—Cause and Effect—Assignment

Cause-and-Effect Essay

Name _____

A cause-and-effect essay describes the relationship between an event or circumstance and its causes. Good cause-and-effect essays contain

- *A clearly stated topic that explains what cause-and-effect relationships will be explored*
- *An effective and logical method of organization*
- *Details and examples that elaborate upon the writer's statements*
- *Transitions that smoothly and clearly connect the writer's ideas*

Cause-and-effect relationships are explored in many types of writing, including the following:

- *Historical articles that explain how events in history contributed to or resulted in other events*
- *Process explanations that take readers step by step through a process such as a math formula or a scientific technique*
- *Predictions that make educated guesses about future events based on knowledge of cause-and-effect relationships*

Write a 5-paragraph (or more) cause-and-effect essay about one of the following ideas. Be sure to write your full thesis statement on this piece of paper first. Then write your best effort yet!

1. Write an essay that reveals how the attack on the World Trade Center (9-11) has affected the world in general and your world in particular.
2. Write about your sleep habit, exploring the cause-and-effect thereof.
3. Describe the step by step process of doing one of the following:
 - Making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich
 - Serving a tennis ball
 - Shooting a free throw
 - Starting a car

