

Cause-and-Effect Essay

- The **cause-and-effect essay** analyzes the causes, or the effects, or the causes and effects of an event or situation.
- **Causes** are reasons for an event or situation.
- **Effects** are the results of an event or situation.

Causes

Event or situation

Effects

Essay Structures

- These are possible structures. The number of body paragraphs in an essay will, of course, vary, depending on the length of the assignment or the aspects to be analyzed.
- Remember that a good essay has a point to prove, which is usually stated explicitly in the thesis.
- A good essay also uses its body paragraphs to provide support for that point in the form of reasons, examples, facts, statistics, personal experience, or the opinions of experts

Essay That Examines Causes

Intro paragraph
that ends with thesis

Cause
#1

Cause
#2

Cause
#3

Cause
#4

Conclusion

Essay That Examines Effects

Intro paragraph
that ends with thesis

Effect
#1

Effect
#2

Effect
#3

Effect
#4

Conclusion

Essay That Examines Causes and Effects

Intro paragraph
that ends with thesis

Cause
#1

Cause
#2

Effect
#1

Effect
#2

Conclusion