



Cause and Effect Essay

	Proficient <i>3 Points</i>	Emerging <i>2 Points</i>	Beginning <i>1 Points</i>	<i>0 Points</i>
Focus/Ideas	Clear, focused essay with identifiable causes and effects and many supporting details	Most ideas, including causes and effects, are clear and supported	Some ideas, including causes and effects, are unclear or off-topic.	Essay with no development, clear causes or effects.
Organization	Organized logically, no gaps, strong topic sentence	Organized logically, few gaps, fairly strong topic sentence	Organizational patterns attempted but not clear; weak topic sentence	No organizational pattern evident, topic sentence weak or non-existent
Voice	Engaging; shows writer's feelings about subject	Evident voice connecting with reader	Weak voice	Flat writing with no identifiable
Word Choice	Vivid, precise word choice with strong use of cause and effect clue words.	Accurate word choice with good use of cause and effect clue words	Limited or repetitive word choice and use of clue words	Incorrect, limited word choice with no cause and effect clue words
Sentences	Varied sentences in logical progression	Not much variety; order mostly logical	Too many similar sentences	Many fragments and run-pns
Conventions	Excellent control and accuracy; words used correctly	Good control, few errors; words generally used correctly	Weak control; words are used incorrectly	Serious errors that obscure meaning

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