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# Cause-and-Effect Writing

"Why does a volcano erupt?" Recognizing cause-and-effect relationships is a valuable critical thinking skill that can help students understand the "whys" and "hows" of science, history, and everyday dilemmas.

**Introduce the Lesson**  
Help students understand cause-and-effect relationships by asking 10 questions such as:  
• Why did the football team lose on Sunday? • Why does your teacher ask?  
Have students answer each 10 questions. Most likely, they will use the word because. Explain that each response shows a cause-and-effect relationship. Help them realize that the cause is the reason for an event to occur. Tell students that when writing about cause-and-effect relationships, they are explaining how or why something occurred or the results of an action.

**Teach the Paragraph** (pages 71-75)  
**Cause-and-Effect Paragraph 1** After reading Model #17:  
• Review the first sentence. Remind students the topic sentence contains the main idea of the paragraph.  
• Ask students to point out certain words or phrases that helped the writer explain the cause-and-effect relationship.  
• Point out how the concluding sentence puts the finishing touch on the paragraph.  
**Cause-and-Effect Paragraph 2** After reading Model #18:  
• Review each reason, or cause, in the paragraph and ask students to summarize how the narrator explains each reason.  
• Ask students what new information is introduced in the concluding sentence (if any is needed) before it returns the problem from the topic sentence. Point out that an interesting piece of new information can help to create a powerful concluding sentence.

**Begin Writing**  
Have students complete Frames #17 and #18. Then they choose which type of cause-and-effect paragraph to write and review their paragraphs using the Checklist.

**Cause-and-Effect Essay** (pages 76-79)  
Project Model #19 on the screen and explain to students that in an essay they have come to regard and try the concepts in describing cause-and-effect relationships. Model #19 shows how one cause can have several effects. For another topic, a writer could explain several causes that contribute to one effect. Have students use Frame #19 and the Checklist to guide their writing of the essay.

## Cause or Effect?

Read each sentence and decide whether the underlined portion is a cause or an effect.

1. When you sneeze, you blow bacteria into the air.  
 cause     effect
2. You will miss the bus if you don't get dressed quickly.  
 cause     effect
3. If the jar is empty, please get a new one from the cupboard.  
 cause     effect
4. You will rip your jeans if you climb over that fence.  
 cause     effect
5. We all laughed when we saw the tiny kitten scamper up the tree.  
 cause     effect
6. I had to go to the dentist, so I missed my last class.  
 cause     effect
7. Our car is in the shop because it needed a new muffler.  
 cause     effect
8. Whenever it rains, there are puddles in the driveway.  
 cause     effect
9. Mr. Timson broke his leg when he crashed his motorcycle.  
 cause     effect
10. We have so many books that we had to buy a new bookshelf.  
 cause     effect



Make up your own cause or effect.

Whenever there is lightning outside,

My fingers are sore because

if you don't get enough exercise,

### GERTRUDE IN HAMLET

In *Hamlet*, Gertrude is a woman who means no harm but whose poor judgment contributes greatly to the terrible events that occur. There are only two female characters in the play, and neither one—Gertrude or Ophelia—is assertive. But the decisions Gertrude does make eventually lead to her death and the downfall of others as well.

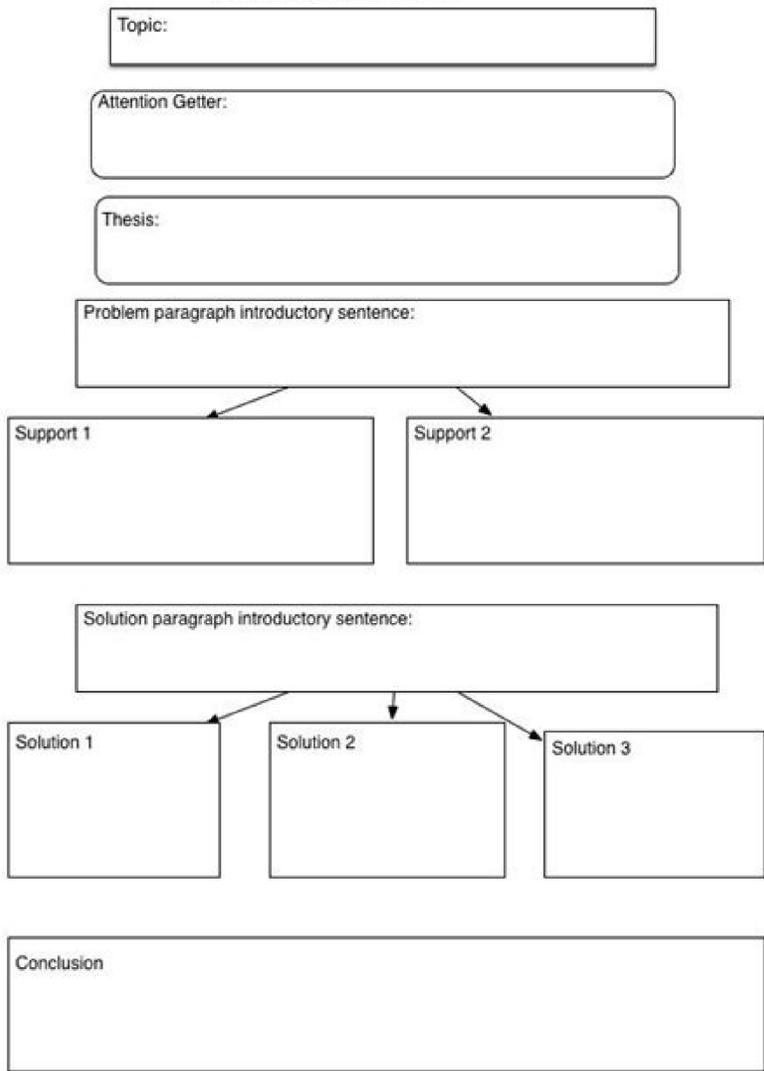
We first realize in Act I, Scene 2 that poor judgment is her major character flaw. As the mother of a grieving son, Gertrude should have been more sensitive to Hamlet's feelings. Instead, less than two months after King Hamlet's death, Gertrude remarries Claudius, her dead husband's own brother. Gertrude should have realized how humiliated Hamlet would feel as a result, because at that time it was considered incestuous for a widow to marry her husband's brother. There is also jealousy on the part of a son, who feels that his mother should be giving him more attention during the mourning period. Gertrude is not in touch with her own son's feelings to see why he is angry. Hamlet expresses this outrage during his first soliloquy:

O, most wicked speed, to post  
With such dexterity to incestuous sheets! (I.i 156-157)

Gertrude is shown to be a loving mother but a parent who cannot read into her son's behavior. When answering Hamlet, she says that it is common for all men to die, but this is not just any man who has died, she should realize; it's Hamlet's own father! Also, when Gertrude asks Hamlet:

If 't be  
Why seems it so particular with thee? (I.i 74-75)

she means to calm him down, but the word "seems" only makes Hamlet more suspicious. She fails to realize that in his sensitive mood, the word "seems" will give Hamlet the impression that she is hiding something. At this point, Gertrude has the opportunity to ask Hamlet what he



Intro Paragraph Example:

The early 1600s saw the beginnings of Britain challenging Spain's dominance in the Americas. Prior to this the English were internally focused funneling their resources toward European wars and national defense. During the early years of the 1<sup>st</sup> successful British colony at Jamestown the colonists were at the mercy of the natural environment in the Chesapeake Bay area. Due to internal problems presented by the demographic composition of the early settlers ill prepared to deal with the harsh reality of colonization, and external concerns with not only the environment but the indigenous populations the early years of settlement in Jamestown proved to be unsuccessful.

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Cause and effect is one text structure or pattern of organization. Common Core State Standards require students to analyze text and identify common patterns of organization like cause and effect. In order to meet this goal, students need to study passages organized according to cause and effect. That is the goal of this page. This page contains ten examples of nonfiction paragraphs using the cause and effect pattern of organization. By reviewing these examples, and completing the practice activities, students will be more comfortable with this reading skill. When students are able to generate their own paragraphs using the cause and effect pattern of organization, mastery will have occurred. I hope that this page helps students around the world achieve mastery with this skill. 10 Example Paragraphs of Cause and Effect 1. There are many theories about why the dinosaurs vanished from the planet. One theory that many people believe is that a gigantic meteorite smashed into the Earth. Scientists believe that the meteorite was very big and that the impact may have produced a large dust cloud that covered the Earth for many years. The dust cloud may have caused plants to not receive sunlight and the large plant eaters, or herbivores, may have died off, followed by the large meat eaters, or carnivores. This theory may or may not be true, but it is one explanation as to why these giant reptiles no longer inhabit the Earth. A graphic organizer showing information from the second example. 2. Automation is the use of machines to reduce the need for human labor. In other words automation is when jobs done by people become jobs done by robots. Automation can be a good thing. Because of automation, clothing, cars, and other manufactured products are available at good prices and in large supply. But automation can also be a bad thing. Because of automation, there are over 700,000 robots in America alone that do jobs once performed by humans. The way of automation may not be best for humanity, but it is the course we are taking. 3. Have you ever wondered how mountain bikes can ride so smoothly on rough surfaces? The reason for this is that mountain bikes have suspension systems. Suspension systems keep the wheels in continuous contact with the ground. This improves control and insulates the rider from changes in the surface. Suspension systems also reduce vibrations and make the ride more comfortable. Just don't get too comfortable and put your feet up because you still need those for peddling. 4. The surface of the Earth is divided into pieces called "tectonic plates." These plates move. When the plates rub against each other, they do not move smoothly. When the plates do not move smoothly, earthquakes result. Some parts of the world get more earthquakes than other parts. The parts of the earth that get most earthquakes are near the edges of these plates. 5. A mute is an object that is fitted to the end of a brass instrument to change the instrument's sound and tone. Mutes can be made from many materials but aluminum, brass, and copper are common. A mute works by changing the shape of the instrument and absorbing its acoustic vibrations. This causes the instrument to produce a sharp, damp sound. Mutes are often used in jazz music but sometimes they are called for in other compositions as well. 6. Thomas Edison became known as "The Wizard of Menlo Park" in 1877, when he invented the phonograph. Edison's phonograph allowed people to record sounds and replay them. Though this technology was unimpressive by today's standards—his recordings would only play few times and the sound quality was poor—back then Edison's device appeared to be magical. That's why people called Edison "The Wizard of Menlo Park," because they suspected him of witchcraft. 7. Have you ever had an ice-cream headache? That's when a painful sensation resonates in your head after eating something cold (usually ice-cream) on a hot day. This pain is produced by the dilation of a nerve center in the roof of your mouth. The nerve center is overreacting to the cold by trying to heat your brain. Ice-cream headaches have turned many smiles to frowns. 8. Under no circumstances will firecrackers be allowed in school. They are not educational and they are dangerous. Any student caught with firecrackers will receive a ten-day suspension. If you see a student possessing firecrackers, report them to the principal immediately or you will receive a suspension as well. Exercise good judgment or face the consequences. You have been warned. Now let's have a great school year. 9. Look down at your feet. Are you wearing shoes? Why? People wear shoes many reasons. The first and most important reason is to protect their feet. Shoes keep people from hurting their feet while walking on rough surfaces, but this isn't the only reason why people wear shoes. Some people wear special shoes that are designed to help them play a game, like bowling shoes or soccer cleats. Some people wear expensive designer shoes so that they appear fashionable and feel good about themselves. And a lot of other people like my dad wear shoes so that their feet won't stink up the room. 10. Being involved in after school sports and clubs is not a right. It is a privilege. Therefore, students have to meet eligibility requirements. If students have any "D's or "F's, they are not allowed to play. Also, if students have behavior issues in class, they cannot be on the team or in the club. Lastly, students need to keep good attendance. If students miss school, they most certainly cannot come to practice. Being on a team is a lot of responsibility. If students are not proving to be responsible, they will not be permitted to be in clubs or teams I hope these example paragraphs help. Check out these other great cause and effect and text structure resources: Looking for Something Else? Cause and Effect Patterns of Organization Text Structure Text Structure Worksheets Text Structure Activities Still looking for something? Search here. Getty ImagesEver wondered if too much masturbation is actually a thing? Like, we've all had those weeks where we've gone at it (with ourselves, hah) a li'l more than usual. And who doesn't love spending a little (or a lot of) one-on-one time with their vibrator?That said, how do you know when you're crossing the line? And is there a line at all, for that matter? It turns out that too much masturbation isn't going to cause you any physical harm (phew), but it could impact the way you have sex and the kind of sex you have with a partner. Curious? Here's what the experts have to say about too much masturbation:First off, masturbation has "a ton" of health benefits.Let's start with the good news, shall we? Masturbation can be good for your health, says Sadie Allison, PhD, a sex educator and founder of GoLove CBD. "It's a wonderful way to help with stress or anxiety." That's because, when you orgasm, your bod releases chemicals like oxytocin, prolactin, and endorphins, all of which help you chill TF out, relax, and even have an easier time falling asleep. The 22 Best Vibrators For WomenMasturbation can also increase your sense of self-worth and confidence in the bedroom, says Allison. "When it comes to partnered sex, it's difficult to know what to ask for in bed if you've never experimented with your body on your own," she explains. "Masturbation is a wonderful way to learn about your own sexual response, and what kind of stimulation you like and don't like. "KK, so this all sounds pretty great. Masturbation makes you happy and can lead to better sex. But can you have too much of a good thing? Keep on reading...it's possible to become desensitized.Too much masturbation can make you desensitized to other kinds of touch, says Kate Balestrieri, PhD, a psychologist and sex therapist based in L.A. If you're using the same vibrator or making the same motions with your hands every time you masturbate, you may have trouble replicating those sensations with a partner and experience trouble climaxing. "Think about it this way, no matter how talented someone is with their tongue, they will never be able to mimic the vibrations of a rechargeable toy," she explains. Sad but true.But don't worry, if too much masturbation makes you desensitized, it's not permanent. All you need to do is set your fave vibrator aside for a week or so to regain what feeling you might've lost. To avoid this issue in the future, Balestrieri suggests switching up your technique every now and then during self-pleasure—a fun fix!Too much masturbation may impact your relationship.Yes, your self-pleasure habits will affect your relationship if you're indulging in too much masturbation. "If done in excess, masturbation can lead to preoccupation, unrealistic fantasies, and decreased arousal with your partner," says Balestrieri. This is more likely to happen if porn is involved. If viewed too often, porn can lead to withdrawal from your partner and unrealistic (and unsatisfying) expectations for your sex life, Balestrieri explains. Your partner can also express concern regarding your masturbation habits for a variety of reasons, says Janet Brito, PhD, a clinical psychologist and certified sex therapist in Honolulu, Hawaii. If your partner says they're troubled by how much you masturbate, it could indicate they're feeling insecure about where your relationship stands and aren't sure if you're still attracted to them. They also might feel bad if your sexual arousal levels don't align, or you could have different boundaries in terms of sexual pleasure and exploration. Basically, different people have different attitudes and levels of openness regarding masturbation. And while that's totally fine, you shouldn't feel guilty about any of your self-stimulating pleasure habits if they're not interfering with your life. The 32 Best Masturbation Tips For Women, EverThe good thing is that some classic communication can solve these issues, says Brito. If either of you feels uncomfortable about the way the other engages in masturbation, it's important that you explain your feelings without judgment or fear of being judged. Basically, masturbation is totally normal and isn't a reason to freak out unless you're letting it impact the way you have sex, so just be honest with each other and reach an understanding that makes you both happy. Is masturbation 'addiction' a real thing?Experts agree that there's not enough information out there to classify someone as addicted to masturbation. But masturbation can still be a crutch that keeps people from enjoying everyday life."Some signs to watch out for: routinely missing important events like work, friend obligations, or family gatherings as a result of staying in to masturbate," says Allison. "If it starts to affect your job and your personal relationships, it's time to consider whether you might want to seek some help." Seeing a sex therapist is the perfect way to gain insight into why you're relying so heavily on masturbation. If any of this resonates with you, and you think you might be overdoing it, talk through your concerns with a pro. 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