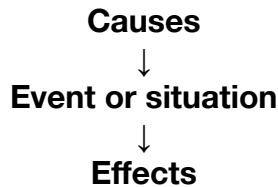




## Writing Guide: **Cause-and-Effect Essay**

- 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.



### 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

<u>Essay That Examines Causes</u>	<u>Essay That Examines Effects</u>	<u>Essay That Examines Causes and Effects</u>
Intro paragraph that ends with thesis	Intro paragraph that ends with thesis	Intro paragraph that ends with thesis
Cause #1	Effect #1	Cause #1
Cause #2	Effect #2	Cause #2
Cause #3	Effect #3	Effect #1
Cause #4	Effect #4	Effect #2
Conclusion	Conclusion	Conclusion