

Cause/Effect Text Organizer

Title:Topic:

Important Details (Cause(s)):Important Details (Effect(s)):

Main Idea:Main Idea:

Summary:

Cause/Effect Texts

Cause/Effect texts are written to explain how or why something happened, exists or operates. A cause is the reason for the occurrence and the effect is what happened as a result of the cause. Sometimes there are multiple causes and/or effects.

Signs of Cause/Effect Text

- Signal Words:
  - cause, because, since, the reason for, due to
  - effect, as a result, so, for this reason
  - therefore, consequently, subsequently

Guiding Questions

- Topic:** What is the text explaining? (One-two words.)
- Important Details (Cause):** What happened? Why did it occur?
- Important Details (Effect):** What were the results of the occurrence? What was the outcome of the occurrence? As a result of \_\_\_\_, what happened?
- Main Ideas:** What is the general cause? What is the general effect? (One sentence for each.)
- Summary:** What are the main ideas and important details that are necessary to include? How will you state them in your own words following the structure of the text? (As concisely as possible.)