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Cause/Effect Essay

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Cause/Effect is any argument that uses the term “because” in it. If you argue "I got a bad grade because..." then you are talking about the Causes. If you argue "Because I got a bad grade, these things happened" then you are talking about the Effects. Most cause/effect essays will reflect one side or the other but, not both.

Remember these are personal essays, and you must have experience with the topic. If you are not a preacher's son/daughter, you should not choose that topic.

The following topics are suggestions, but you may choose your own topic.

- The effects of being a preacher's (teacher's, salesman's, alcoholic's, etc.) son/daughter
- Causes or effects of drug or alcohol abuse
- Causes or effects of sibling rivalry
- Causes or effects of student cheating
- Causes or effects of anyone's behavior (why Granny is so crazy)
- Reasons for why something is so popular (athletes, sports, fishing, etc.)

Every paper has an order. The cause/effect paper works best if you use order of importance. List your paragraphs in order of least important first and most important last. Remember to write the paragraphs in the same order that you list the subjects in your thesis.

Your job is write a Cause/Effect essay. It should be no less than two pages long. It is best if you type it out although you may write it out neatly in black ink if you want. But I prefer that you type your paper instead. If you do type out your paper, it should be double-spaced done on white paper with one-inch margins on all sides. On the heading of your paper, you should put your first and last name and your social security number on top. You must also put my name and the course number as well. I will offer assistance on your papers if you choose to submit your paper next week. Otherwise, be sure to follow the schedule when submitting your essays. You may want to work with me in the lab however so I can see your progress or offer you help along the way. Good luck!