

Cause and Effect Essay Outline Examples

Example 1 – Causes and Effects of Bullying

1. Introduction with an engaging hook

- Bullying is a pressing issue in the modern world. According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, more than one out of five students report being bullied.

2. Main Body

- Cause #1: Bullies' behavior is often explained by their desire to get noticed
- Cause #2: Problems at home can provoke bullying
- Transition: Bullying is a global issue that has a number of short and long-term effects on society
- Effect #1: Bullying can result in poorer mental health
- Effect #2: Bullying lowers students' self-esteem, turning them into insecure adults

3. Conclusion

- Bullying is a big issue in the modern world that needs to be addressed properly to ensure a friendly and positive environment for everyone.

Example 2 – Success

Introduction

The first paragraph of the essay introducing the subject and informing the reader what the paper is primarily about (5-7 sentences):

- Topic Sentence – the purpose of the topic sentence is to introduce the topic or subject being examined.
- Thesis Statement – the main idea or purpose of the essay.

Body Paragraphs

Illustration of causes and effects. In this essay section, the student shows how diligence causes success and illustrates the impact of success on the individual – ultimately explaining at length their Thesis Statement from the first paragraph.

- To better convey the argument, you may begin by explaining the topic being examined. Perhaps, you include a definition, a source providing additional perspectives, etc. In this case:

What is a success? What does it look like? How is it identified? What does it mean? What are its social, emotional, and spiritual implications?

- Next, once the reader understands the context in which the term is being examined, the student should transition to a paragraph showing how diligence causes success. A famous example (like a self-made millionaire) would suffice, or even some other scenario. But the writer should explain how a person could work hard to achieve personal success.
- This part is for demonstrating and explaining the effects of success – as it leads to financial wealth, or it leads to a better quality of life because a person is fulfilled in their accomplishment and is happy.

Conclusion

In this section, the student not only summarizes the essay – the topic's causes and effects – but also helps the reader better understand the context of a term, an event in history, etc., by providing a few other examples.