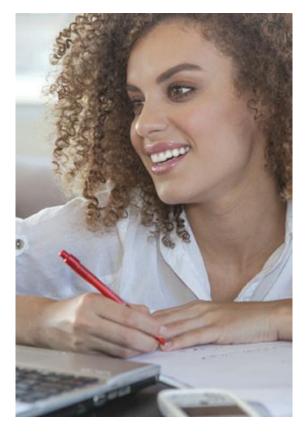
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Cause-Effect

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LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 1 Understand how to read cause-effect writing
- 2 Make limited and logical cause-effect claims
- 3 Support cause-effect reasoning with relevant, reliable evidence
- 4 Avoid logical fallacies
- 5 Write, revise, and edit a cause-effect essay

Rhetorical Situation For Cause-Effect Writing

- Purpose
 - Gain an in-depth understanding about the ways specific forces work to get certain results
 - Used by writers to explain a phenomenon
- Audience
 - Have basic understanding about the topic but seek detailed knowledge of the operating forces
- Topic
 - Phenomena requiring complete explanation in terms of their operating forces

Elements of Cause-Effect Logic

- Reasoning
 - Thesis identifies the idea
 - Essay's body explores and supports the idea
 - Primary and secondary causes and effects are distinguished

Elements of Cause-Effect Logic

- Supporting details
 - Claims identifying the causes, effects and the link in-between are supported with reliable, detailed evidence
- Logical analyses
 - Reasoning is transparent, unified, and free of logical fallacies

Make Limited and Logical Cause-Effect Claims

- Trina Rys
 - Analyzes the causes and effects of anorexia nervosa
 - Begins with a quotation, questions, and a understandable cause-effect thesis
 - Examines the effect of psychological forces on body image

Make Limited and Logical Cause-Effect Claims

- Turns to the impact of home environment, with a transition
- Argues about the media's influence
- Concludes suggesting required changes needed for prevention

Support Cause-Effect Reasoning With Relevant, Reliable, Evidence

- Dutch Discord, written by Brittany Korver
 - Analyzes how the increase of Muslim residents in the Netherlands is impacting Dutch culture and raising tension
 - Title ascertains the phenomenon
 - Gives introduction stating Dutch symbols and ethnic tensions

Support Cause-Effect Reasoning With Relevant, Reliable, Evidence

- *Refers to history pointing at social changes brought about by immigration*
- *Identifies* secondary differences
- Voices the concerns
- Concludes saying tensions lead to fear and alienation

Avoid Logical Fallacies

- Steven Pinker
 - Analyzes how current use of electronic technologies affect the ability to think and process information
 - Uses cause-effect thinking

- Select a topic
 - Think about categories
 - List phenomena relating to each category
 - Choose a topic from the list and examine its causes and effects
- Narrow and research the topic
 - State the topic and list related causes and effects
 - Expand the list by doing preliminary research

- Distinguish between primary and secondary causes and effects
- *Revise the topic addressing primary causes and/or effects linking to a specific phenomenon*
- Draft and test the thesis
 - Introduce the topic with the causes and/or effects that are intended to be discussed
 - Limit the argument to provable points

- Collect and analyze information
 - Test the analysis to avoid mistaking a coincidence for a cause-effect relationship
 - Use the list of logical fallacies to eliminate errors in logic
- Get organized
 - Develop an outline that arranges the thesis and argument in a pattern

- Use the outline to draft
 - Present the ways in which specific causes lead to specific effects with examples
 - Include transitional words to show cause-effect relationships

Revising a Cause-Effect Essay

- Seek feedback
 - Involve a peer reviewer or a person from writing center
- Revise
 - Checklist to trace and refine an argument
 - Ideas
 - Organization
 - Voice

- Checklist
 - Words Diction, defining technical terms, and use of transitional words and phrases
 - Structured sentences
 - Correctness Grammar, punctuation, mechanics, usage, and spelling
 - Design needs to enhance the written analysis and clarify the cause-effect reasoning

Publishing a Cause-Effect Essay

- Share the writing by:
 - Submitting to an instructor
 - Posting on the class's or department's Web site
 - Convert it into a presentation



- Cause and effect reasoning helps us deal with everyday issues, whether large or small
- In a cause and effect essay, the writer develops the thesis through cause and effect reasoning
 - Analyzes and explains the causes, effects, or both of a particular phenomenon

