# **Cause and Effect Essay: Template**

I. Title [Insert a clear and concise title that reflects the topic and focus of the project] II. Introduction

A. Hook: [Start with an attention-grabbing statement, such as a surprising statistic, an anecdote, or a rhetorical question.]

B. Background: [Provide some context and background information on the topic you will be discussing.]

C. Thesis statement: [Clearly state the cause-and-effect relationship you will be exploring in your essay.]

*Writing Tip:* A strong thesis statement should clearly state the cause-and-effect relationship you will be exploring in your essay.

## III. At least 3 Causes Body Paragraphs (Include this section for Causes Only Essays)

A. Topic sentence: [Start with a clear and concise topic sentence that identifies the cause or causes you will be discussing.]

B. Supporting evidence: [Provide evidence to support your topic sentence, such as examples, statistics, or expert opinions.]

C. Explanation: [Explain how the evidence supports your topic sentence and contributes to your overall argument.]

D. Transition: [Use transitional phrases or sentences to smoothly transition to the next cause or to the effects.]

*Writing Tip:* Each body paragraph should focus on a single cause or effect and provide evidence to support your argument. Use transition words and phrases to connect your ideas and make the essay flow.

### IV. At least 3 Effects Body Paragraphs (Include this section for Effects Only Essays)

A. Topic sentence: [Start with a clear and concise topic sentence that identifies the effect(s) you will be discussing.]

B. Supporting evidence: [Provide evidence to support your topic sentence, such as examples, statistics, or expert opinions.]

C. Explanation: [Explain how the evidence supports your topic sentence and contributes to your overall argument.]

D. Transition: [Use transitional phrases or sentences to smoothly transition to the next effect or to the conclusion.]

*Writing Tip:* Use transitional phrases, provide supporting evidence, and maintain a logical flow throughout your essay.

#### V. Conclusion

A. Restate thesis: [Restate your thesis statement in a new way to remind the reader of the cause-and-effect relationship you have explored in the essay.]

B. Summary of main points: [Summarize the main points of your essay and how they contribute to your overall argument.]

C. Final thoughts: [End with a final thought or recommendation for further research on the topic.]

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### **VI. References**