

Text Structure Notes – Cause / Effect

Definition:

- The author lists one or more causes or events and the resulting consequences/effects.
- Cause = What made it happen?
(Explains reasons why something happened)
- Effect = What happened (Results of what happened)
- Don't confuse with chronological.
- Won't have a beginning, middle, and end.
- Time won't progress much.

Signal Words

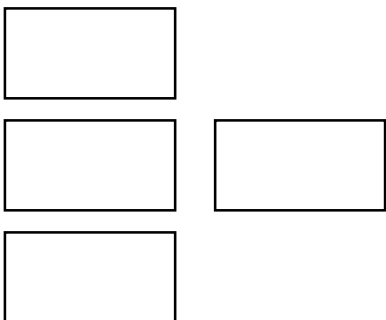
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reasons why• Therefore• In order to• Outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reasons for• Because of• Effects of• Influenced by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If...then• Since• Caused by• Brought about by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As a result of• So• Result
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Summary Questions

- What happened?
- Why did it happen? What was the reason for...?
- What was the effect(s) of the event?
What happened as a result of ...?
- What were the results or outcomes caused by the event?
- In what ways did prior event(s) cause or influence the main event?
- Will this result always happen from these causes?

Graphic Organizers

Flow Map



Multi-Flow Map

