**Elements of a Cause and Effect Essay**

* A cause and effect essay is writing that explains an occurrence and the results of that occurrence.
* Cause - A person or object that gives rise to an action, phenomenon, or condition.
* Effect - A change that is a result or consequence of an action or other cause.

Common language use in cause and effect essays:

*Leads to*

*consequences of the effects of because*

*due to so so that*

**Cause and Effect Writing Patterns can take several forms**

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| 1) Cause  2) Cause  3) Cause | Effect |

or

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| 1) Cause | 1) Effect  2) Effect  3) Effect |

A) **Introductory Paragraph** in Cause and Effect

1. Mentions the causes or the effects of a situation.
2. Makes it clear why the topic is important
3. Provides background information on the situation
4. States the causes or effects in the thesis statement

B**) Body Paragraphs**  establish a single cause or a single effect. No more than 1.

1) **Topic sentence states** the cause or effect idea and connects the idea to the thesis and always has a transition or connecting word like one reason or first, another, a second, a subsequent

2) Contains **supporting ideas/details/examples.**

3) Has a final sentence that sums up what the body paragraph has said, related to the cause or effect being described.

C) **Concluding Paragraph**

**1. Summarizes the thesis**.

2. Ends with a **final comment** that is either a **predication, recommendation** or **observation.**