



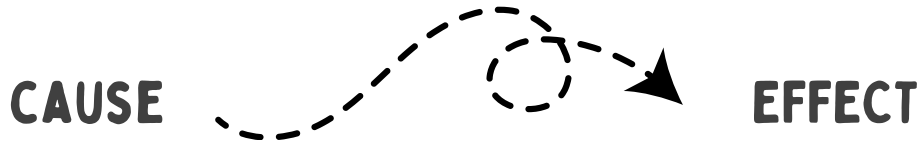
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CAUSE & EFFECT

Story Topic(s):

Directions: Many news stories describe the causes and effects of different events. Choose one news story that explained why something happened or what the effects of an event were. Describe the cause and effect in the chart below.



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TEACHER'S GUIDE: CAUSE & EFFECT

Common Core Standards:

- i. Describe the overall structure (e.g., chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text or part of a text.
- ii. Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.

Teaching Suggestions:

- i. Scaffolding:
 1. Before listening to the podcast, introduce the concept of cause and effect. Ask students to brainstorm examples.
 2. Allow students to work in pairs to identify examples of cause and effect from the podcast.
 3. If students are struggling, point them to a specific news story with a clear cause and effect.
 4. Allow students to re-read the transcript or listen to the podcast again as needed.
- ii. Enrichment:
 1. Ask students to evaluate the effects from their news story. Were the impacts positive, negative, or mixed? Who was impacted, and how?