

Text Structures

Explanatory Writing - Cause and Effect



Learning Target/Success Criteria

Learning Target: I can write a cause and effect paragraph.

Success Criteria: I can read a mentor text. I can conduct research. I can write a cause and effect paragraph using my research.

Essential Question

What are the characteristics of a cause and effect paragraph?

Cause/Effect

Cause-and-effect essays help to describe reasons why something happens and the results that follow

Sometimes there is a lengthy sequence or “chain” of events

Sometimes this includes both direct and indirect causes

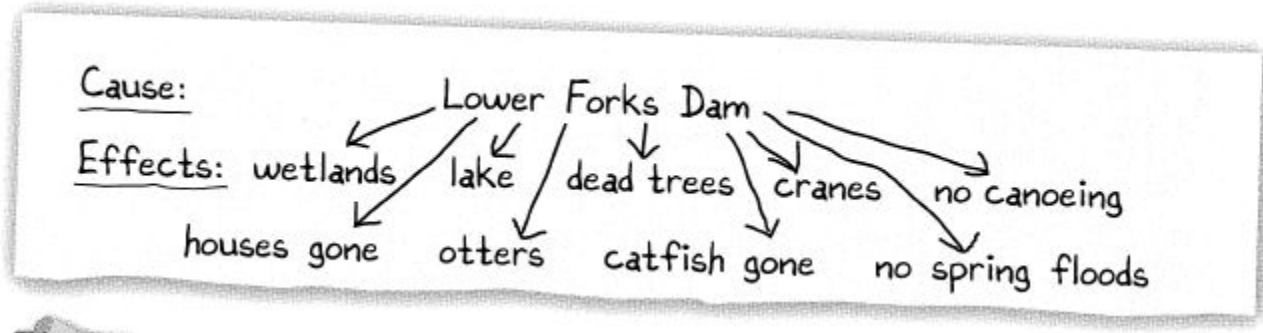
Cause and Effect Mentor Text

“Lower Forks Dam” on p.200 of the Write Source book



Planning a Cause-and-Effect Text

Find a way to keep track of the variety of effects created by a cause.



Your Turn!

Prompt: Write a **cause and effect** paragraph answering the following: What were the main events that caused the climax? Predict what the effects of the climax might be.

You must include:

A topic sentence

Support your prediction with 3-5 pieces of evidence from the text (quotes with page numbers).