

# Exposition: Cause-and-Effect Essay

## Rubric and Scoring Models

### Rubric for Cause-and-Effect

Use the following criteria to evaluate cause-and-effect essays.

	Score 4	Score 3	Score 2	Score 1
<b>Audience and Purpose</b>	Consistently targets an audience through word choice and details; clearly identifies purpose in introduction	Targets an audience through most word choices and details; identifies purpose in introduction	Misses a target audience by including a wide range of word choice and details; presents no clear purpose	Addresses no specific audience or purpose
<b>Organization</b>	Presents a clear, consistent organizational strategy to show cause and effect	Presents a clear organizational strategy with occasional inconsistencies to show cause and effect	Presents an inconsistent organizational strategy; creates illogical presentation of causes and effects	Demonstrates a lack of organizational strategy; creates a confusing presentation
<b>Elaboration</b>	Successfully links causes with effects; fully elaborates connections among ideas	Links causes with effects; elaborates connections among most ideas	Links some causes with some effects; elaborates connections among some ideas	Develops and elaborates no links between causes and effects
<b>Use of Language</b>	Chooses clear transitions to convey ideas; presents very few mechanical errors	Chooses transitions to convey ideas; presents few mechanical errors	Misses some opportunities for transitions to convey ideas; presents many mechanical errors	Demonstrates poor use of language; presents many mechanical errors