



Cause and Effect Chart

Understanding Relationships: Cause and Effect

Suggested Time 20 Minutes

Student Tasks:

- Reflect on their reading.
- Complete the cause-and-effect chart graphic organizer.
- Discuss their findings with a partner.
- Engage in a class discussion to deepen their understanding of cause-and-effect relationships in the text.

Online ThinkCERCA Modules:

- Complex texts
- Tools for scaffolding reading (focus mode, translation, picture dictionary, online glossary, audio support, syllabication, part of speech, etc.)

Strategy

The Cause and Effect Chart strategy helps students visualize how one event leads to another in a text. By using a graphic organizer, students can map out causes and their corresponding effects, allowing them to understand the relationships between events better. This strategy enhances comprehension of text and encourages critical thinking about the connections between actions and their outcomes.

Optimal Application Notes:

This strategy supports deeper analysis of the text and helps students engage with the material actively. Teachers should model the process, using examples from the text that clearly illustrate cause-and-effect relationships.

Before:

- Select a text that contains clear cause-and-effect relationships.
- Prepare cause-and-effect graphic organizers for each student.
- Ensure students have access to the text for reference during the activity.

During:

- Distribute the cause-and-effect charts to students after they finish reading.
- Instruct students to fill in each section of the chart:
 - **Cause:** Write down an event or action that leads to an effect.
 - **Effect:** Describe the outcome or result of the cause.
- Encourage students to identify multiple causes and effects related to the events in the text.
- Guide them to support their connections with textual evidence, citing page or paragraph numbers.
- Pair students to discuss their charts, prompting them to explain the relationships they identified and how they connect to the overall narrative.

After:

- Facilitate a class discussion where students share their cause-and-effect relationships, highlighting different interpretations and insights.

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Instructions: Fill out the cause-and-effect chart as you read, focusing on how one event leads to another. Be sure to discuss your findings with a partner to explore different perspectives on the text!

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