

# Cause and Effect Essay Outline MLA Format

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. Attention grabber
- 1.2. Basic information about the topic
- 1.3. Thesis statement (indicate what the essay will be about: causes, effects, or both)

## **2. Body paragraph I**

- 2.1. Topic sentence (indicates causes, effects, or both)
- 2.2. Cause 1/effect 1 (detailed explanation with examples)

## **3. Body paragraph II**

- 3.1. Topic sentence (indicates causes, effects, or both)
- 3.2. Cause 2/effect 2 (detailed explanation with examples)

## **4. Body paragraph III**

- 4.1. Topic sentence (indicates causes, effects, or both)
- 4.2. Cause 3/effect 3 (detailed explanation with examples)

## **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1. Restating the thesis statement
- 5.2. Reminding the reader of the main points
- 5.3. Concluding sentence