

Cause OR Effect Essay Outline: Focusing on the **Causes** of an Event, Trend, of Phenomenon

Introduction (1-2 paragraphs)

- Generally introduce your trend, event, or phenomenon.
- Present the Subject
 - Be sure that readers recognize & understand the subject by:
 - Presenting it in detail, define it, give examples, & relate the subject to something that is common knowledge.
 - Convince readers that the subject is important and worth speculating about.
 - Answer the “So what...?” research question.
 - Prove that the subject involves a large # of people or has great importance to a specific group of people.
 - Prove the existence of the subject
- Thesis: **Sample** – “I believe the main reasons for the rising trend “A” are x, y, and z.
 - Announce the subject and how you will approach it.
 - Clearly identify the proposed causes or effects and the order in which you will discuss them.
 - Suggest the direction the causal argument will take.

Body Paragraph 1

- Reason for trend “x”.
 - Support
 - Evidence
 - Your opinion/writing
 - Transition sentence

Body Paragraph 2

- Reason for trend “y”.
 - Support
 - Evidence
 - Your opinion/writing
 - Transition sentence

Body Paragraph 3

- Reason for trend “z”.
 - Support
 - Evidence
 - Your opinion/writing
 - Transition sentence

Body Paragraph 4

- Space where you give yourself free reign to speculate what you think are the **future effects** of this trend without using any outside sources – just your opinion, which was formed after researching and writing this paper.

Conclusion Paragraph

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- Thesis: **Sample** – “I believe the future effects of the currently rising trend “A” are x, y, and z.
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Body Paragraph 1

- Effect (result or outcome) of trend “x”.
 - Support
 - Evidence
 - Your opinion/writing
 - Transition sentence

Body Paragraph 2

- Effect (result or outcome) of trend “y”.
 - Support
 - Evidence
 - Your opinion/writing
 - Transition sentence

Body Paragraph 3

- Effect (result or outcome) of trend “z”.
 - Support
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 - Your opinion/writing
 - Transition sentence

Body Paragraph 4

- Space where you give yourself free reign to speculate what you think **why of this trend occurred** without using any outside sources – just your opinion, which was formed after researching and writing this paper.

Conclusion Paragraph