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**Cause/Effect Essay Checklist - Peer Editing Activity**

**I. Formatting**

In this essay:

1. TITLE PAGE

**☐ Yes ☐ No** There is a Title page. (See *Purdue Owl)*

**☐ Yes ☐ No** The title of your essay is capitalized and in bold.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** The Title page has the title of your paper, your name, the school name, course number and

name, and the due date centered.

2. HEADER

**☐ Yes ☐ No** The header includes the page number.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Page numbers are positioned in the top right hand corner of the page.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Page numbers start (1) on the Title page and all following pages are numbered in sequence.

3. FONT / SPACING / MARGINS / INDENTS

**☐ Yes ☐ No** The font is Times New Roman.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** The entire essay is double-spaced.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** The page uses one-inch margins (top, bottom, sides of text).

**☐ Yes ☐ No** The first line of each paragraph is indented.

4. LENGTH

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Excluding the Title Page and Reference List, the paper is 5-6 pages long.

**II. Main Points**

1. In this paper:

**☐ Yes ☐ No** A topic is being discussed in terms of its causes or effects.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** There is an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** The body paragraphs show either the causes or effects of the topic.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Only 3rd Person Point of View is used (he/it/she/they/them/one).

**☐ Yes ☐ No** The tone is academic.

**III.** **Introduction**

**1. Hook**

* Does the hook grab the reader’s attention? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Could be improved.

**2. Thesis**

Does the thesis statement accomplish the following:

**☐ Yes ☐ No** States the topic.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Gives the writer’s stance.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Focuses on the causes or effects.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Includes the three main ideas of the body paragraphs.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Summarizes in 1-2 sentences exactly what the essay is about.

**IIV. Body Paragraphs**

BODY PARAGRAPH I

TEXAS-EXAS Structure

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Starts with a clear topic sentence.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Topic sentence responds to the thesis statement. Answers “why” or “how”

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Explains and gives background information about the topic.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Uses academic evidence (quote / paraphrase / summary) as support.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Analyzes the evidence (This means that…/ This shows that… etc.).

**☐ Yes ☐ No** States the significance and reconnects with the topic sentence.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Uses words to show causes or effects (*due to, because of, as a result, for this reason, etc.*).

BODY PARAGRAPH II

TEXAS-EXAS Structure

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Starts with a clear topic sentence.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Topic sentence responds to the thesis statement. Answers “why” or “how”

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Explains and gives background information about the topic.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Uses academic evidence (quote / paraphrase / summary) as support.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Analyzes the evidence (This means that…/ This shows that… etc.).

**☐ Yes ☐ No** States the significance and reconnects with the topic sentence.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Uses words to show causes or effects (*due to, because of, as a result, for this reason, etc.*).

BODY PARAGRAPH III

TEXAS-EXAS Structure

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Starts with a clear topic sentence.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Topic sentence responds to the thesis statement. Answers “why” or “how”

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Explains and gives background information about the topic.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Uses academic evidence (quote / paraphrase / summary) as support.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Analyzes the evidence (This means that…/ This shows that… etc.).

**☐ Yes ☐ No** States the significance and reconnects with the topic sentence.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Uses words to show causes or effects (*due to, because of, as a result, for this reason, etc.*).

**V. Conclusion**

Does the conclusion accomplish the following:

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Summarizes the thesis/main points

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Offer a final thought (suggestion/opinion/prediction)

**☐ Yes ☐ No** No major new information is added

**VI. Evidence / Citations**

IN-TEXT CITATIONS AND EVIDENCE:

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Quotations and paraphrases are properly cited according to APA rules.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Integrated quotations use a reporting verb or a reporting phrase.

REFERENCE LIST

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Follows APA citation rules.

**☐ Yes ☐ No** Includes at least eight academic sources.

**Based on the feedback I received, I will make the following changes to my essay:**

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