

Self-Editing Worksheet 6

Chapter 6: Cause/Effect Essays

Writer: _____ Date: _____

Format

My essay is correctly formatted (title centered, first line of every paragraph indented, margins on both sides, double-spaced). yes no

Mechanics

I checked punctuation, capitalization, and spelling. yes no

Content and Organization

My essay has all three parts: introduction, body, and conclusion. yes no

Introduction: Type of introduction I used (funnel, historical background, surprising statistics, dramatic story, etc.): _____

The introduction ends with my thesis statement. yes no

Body: The body has _____ paragraphs. The topics of the body paragraphs are as follows:

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

(If there are more or fewer paragraphs, add or delete lines.)

Unity: Each paragraph discusses only one main idea, and there are no sentences that are "off the topic." yes no

Coherence: Each paragraph has coherence. My essay flows smoothly from beginning to end. yes no

I repeat key nouns. yes no

I use transition signals and cause/effect signal words to show relationships among ideas. yes no

I use transitions to link paragraphs. yes no

Conclusion: The conclusion (a) summarizes the main points or (b) paraphrases the thesis statement. (Circle one.) The writer adds a final comment or thought on the topic to leave a final impression on the reader.

Grammar and Sentence Structure

	Number found and corrected
I checked my essay for _____ errors. (verb tense, article, etc.)	_____
I checked my essay for _____ errors.	_____
I checked my essay for _____ errors.	_____

Peer-Editing Worksheet 6

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Peer Editor: _____ Date: _____

1. What kind of introduction does this essay have (funnel, entertaining story, etc.)?

How many sentences does it contain? _____

Does it capture your interest? yes no

Where is the thesis statement placed? _____

2. How many paragraphs are there in the body? Number: _____

The topics of the body paragraphs are as follows:

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

(If there are more or fewer paragraphs, add or delete lines.)

3. What kind of supporting details does the writer use in each body paragraph?

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

4. Check each paragraph for unity. Is any sentence unnecessary or "off the topic?"

yes no

If your answer is yes, write a comment about it (them).

5. Check each paragraph for coherence. Does each one flow smoothly from beginning to end?

yes no

What key nouns are repeated? _____

What transition signals can you find? _____

6. What expressions does the writer use to link paragraphs? If there is none, write none. (If there are more or fewer paragraphs, add or delete lines.)

To introduce the first body paragraph _____

Between paragraphs 2 and 3 _____

Between paragraphs 3 and 4 _____

Between paragraphs 4 and 5 _____

To introduce the conclusion: _____

7. What kind of conclusion does this essay have—a summary of the main points or a paraphrase of the thesis statement?

Does the writer make a final comment? yes no

What is it? _____

Is this an effective ending (one that you will remember)? yes no

8. In your opinion, what is the best feature of this essay? In other words, what is this writer's best writing skill?
