

Student name: _____

CAUSE-AND-EFFECT Essay Rubric

	4	3	2	1
Introductory Paragraph	A creative introductory paragraph made the reader interested in reading the paragraph	An introductory paragraph with some creativity was included	A simple introductory paragraph included	No introductory paragraph was included
Cause-and-effect relationships (3 body paragraphs)	At least three cause-and-effect relationships were clearly described in detail	Two cause-and-effect relationships were clearly described in detail	One cause-and-effect relationship was clearly described in detail	No cause-and-effect relationships were described
Concluding Paragraph	A creative, clear, and interesting concluding paragraph was included	A concluding paragraph with some creativity was included	A simple concluding paragraph was included	No concluding paragraph was included
Logical order/organization	Information in essay was very organized	Information in essay was somewhat organized	Information in essay was poorly organized	Information in essay was not organized
Language conventions	No capitalization, spelling, or punctuation errors	One to three capitalization, spelling, or punctuation errors	Four to six capitalization, spelling, or punctuation errors	More than six capitalization, spelling, or punctuation errors

Total score: _____