

Cause and Effect Writing Instructions:

Before You Write

Make a list of all of the things that happened and that Jason did—**causes**—that lead him to the realization that family and friends were more important to him than gold--**effect**.

Writing the Cause and Effect Piece

- Begin with a clear, concise thesis statement that introduces the subject and clearly states what you are trying to say about the causes and effects. What do you want your readers to know or accept about the causes and effects? Your thesis should tell the reader exactly what to expect.
- Provide a brief description of the causes and effects that you are writing about in the introduction. Also, provide your thesis statement in the introduction.
- Decide whether to write about the causes, the things that happened and that Jason did that lead him to the realization that family and friends were more important to him than gold, in chronological order or in order of importance.
- Be sure to fully explain the relationship between the causes and effects throughout your essay. Every word of the essay should directly support the ideas laid out in the thesis statement.
- Write a conclusion that sums up all of the ideas presented in the essay. Do not bring up new ideas in the conclusion--that is, ones that haven't been discussed previously in the essay. Consider what you want your audience to get out of the essay.

TOPIC FOR Cause and Effect Piece

Cause and effect in *Jason's Gold*

Write to the Prompt:

What led to Jason's realization that family and friends were more important to him than the gold he had been seeking?

Appendix #20a1