

Time: 75 minutes

Choose one of the following topics and write a 5-paragraph cause-effect essay. Please be sure to write a short introduction (3-5 sentences) with a good hook and thesis statement, three body paragraphs (5-8 sentences), and a conclusion (3-5 sentences - restated thesis, opinion, suggestion). **Choose either the focus-on-causes method or the focus-on-effects method. Use transitions for cause or effect.** Check sentence/parallel structure, grammar, and punctuation. Remember to complete your outline which **MUST** be handed in with your essay. All compositions **MUST** be written in class.

1. Why you selected your major
2. The effects of not keeping a personal budget
3. The effects of pressures on students to get good grades
4. Why students drop out of high school or college
5. Why some roommates don't get along