

Recognizing Cause and Effect Relationships

Informational Text

3. Describe the connection between a series of

historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or

3. Describe the relationship between a series of

or steps in technical procedures in a text, using

historical events, scientific ideas or concepts,

language that pertains to cause/effect.

steps in technical procedures in a text.

Common Core State Standards

Literature

Grade 2

3. Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges.

Grade 3

3. Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

Grade 4

Grade 4

Grade 2

Grade 3

3. Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text. 5. Describe the overall structure (e.g. cause/

effect) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text, or part of a text.

Grade 5

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Grade 5

3. Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text.

5. Compare and contrast the overall structure (e.g. cause/effect,) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in two or more texts.