

# Help Sheet to Sources—Mrs. Singleton’s “Cause – Effect Essay”

## Topic List for Cause and Effect Essay

1. How do you account for the popularity of one of the following phenomena: shopping malls, reality TV shows, fast food, Twitter, Facebook, rap music, sensationalist tabloids like *The National Enquirer*? Write an essay in which you consider the remote as well as immediate causes for the success for the phenomenon you choose. (Listed above are just examples; feel free to come up with your own.)
2. Between 1946 and 1964, the birth rate increased considerably. Some of the effects attributed to this baby boom include the 1960s antiwar movement, the increase in crime rate, and the development of the women’s movement. Write an essay in which you explore some possible effects of the baby-boom generation’s growing older. What trends would you expect to find as most baby boomers reach retirement? How do these boomers entering retirement affect your generation?
3. Consider the effects, or possible effects, of a scientific development on your life and/or your generation. Possible developments include genetic engineering, space exploration, and human cloning. Consider negative as well as positive effects.
4. Almost half of American marriages end in divorce—**divorce rates** (or so the often cited statistic goes). To what do you attribute the high divorce rate in America? Be as specific as possible. You may consider citing “case studies” of families with which you are familiar, changing names as appropriate.
5. What do you see as the major cause(s) of any *one* of these problems: date rape, binge drinking among college students, voter apathy, school violence, academic cheating—**academic dishonesty**? Based on your identification of its causes, formulate some specific solutions for the problem you select.
6. Write an essay in which you explain either the causes or the effects of one of the following world problems: a food shortage—**global food crisis** in a particular country, protests against a government, refugee camps, etc. Watch the news in order to select a current issue to focus on.
7. Write a cause-and-effect essay examining how the demands of the public affect a professional sport (think baseball and steroid use, violence in hockey, etc.)
8. Explain the causes for the popularity or lack of popularity of a public figure. You may select someone serving in a public office or you may select a celebrity for this essay.
9. As you will soon be entering college, you will quickly find out that college is anything but cheap. Write an essay explaining either the causes or effects of rising college tuition costs.

**Step #1:** When you intend to discuss multiple effects or causes, brainstorm to identify them. Ask questions about each cause or effect you identify then research those multiple approaches.

- “Why did this happen? What were the causes?”
- “What happened before or after this?”
- “What were the results/**impact/effects** of this?”

## **Step #2: Databases**

Use journal articles and materials from the library’s databases. Electronic databases sponsored by LHS Library are found on the library webpage.

<http://lhswildcats.org/library>

### **CQ Researcher:**

**User Name**

libertyville

**Password**

wildcats

#### **Topics Covered by CQ Researcher:**

#1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 9 (almost all covered extensively)

#7 (be specific on person or topic ex. athlete as role model)

#8 (be specific on politician or celebrity—try topic too such as ‘celebrity lifestyle’)

**Areas to Use:** Generate a basic search. Click the arrow at the date tab for most current articles to be listed first.

**Citation:** Click on the “Cite Now” tab at the top of the page, then select “MLA Style” for the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition format. Ask your teacher if you are to include the URL.

**EbscoHost** Use the online access to subscriptions of magazines such as *Time*, *Newsweek*, etc.

**Login:** libertyville

**Password:** wildcats

#### **Topics Covered by EbscoHost:**

#1 (fewer hits on these topics than other databases)

#2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 9 (almost all covered extensively)

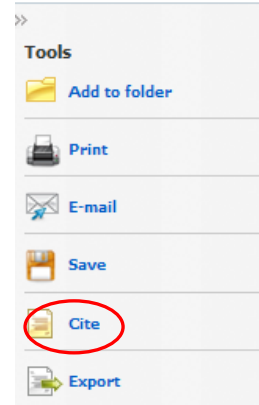
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**Areas to Use:** Magazine, Newspaper, Health, Images, Bios, etc. Click on “select all.” Do a basic search but be sure to check the “full text” box. In left-hand margin, select either “HTML Full Text” or “PDF Full Text”.



If using the “Student Resource Center” or “Points of View” you will need to create your own citation from the information provided.



**Citation:** Use the icon that says “cite” on the right-hand side under “Tools.”

## FirstSearch

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100107316

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### Topics Covered by First Search:

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**Areas to Use:** Click on “ArticlesFirst” in the upper, left-hand corner— always check the “full text” box. Could restrict the years for the most current information.

**Citation:** The citation information is done and found under the tab “External Resources: Cite This Item.” Select the proper form. See the illustration below.

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Availability: Check the catalogs in your library. [Check for worldwide that own item:](#) 975 [Get full text](#)

- Borrow this item from another library (Interlibrary Loan)

External Resources: [Cite This Item](#)

Author(s): [Parker, Robert P](#)

**Key Statistics for Health Care Reform**

Source: *Business economics : the journal of the National Association of Business Economists*. 44, no. 4, (2009): 229 (7 pages)

Additional Info: National Association of Business Economists

Alt Journal: **Uniform Title:** Business economics (Cleveland, Ohio) **Key Title:** Business economics (Cleveland, Ohio)

Standard No: ISSN: 0007-666X CODEN: BECODS

OCLC No: 1537881

Database: ArticleFirst

## Gale Resource Center:

Login ID: wildcats

### Topics Covered by Gale: Opposing Viewpoints:

- #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 9 (almost all covered extensively)
- #7 (be specific on person or topic ex. athlete as role model)
- #8 (be specific on politician or celebrity—try topic too such as 'celebrity lifestyle')

**Areas to Use:** Select the "Opposing Viewpoints". Simply do a basic search or click 'advanced' for only "full text" options. Be sure to check out the choices on the left under "Everything" including the ones for websites, as shown below.



Home Issues Maps Curriculum standards Resources

Search Results Bookmark

Search results: Basic Search> baby boomers

**Everything** [Viewpoints for baby boomers](#)

- Views (14)
- Reference (5)
- News (4,684)
- Magazines (596)
- Academic Journals (107)
- Statistics (1)
- Audio (70)
- Images (1)
- Websites (0)**

**Homelessness is Increasing Among Elderly Adults**

[The Elderly, 2011](#)

M William Semmons and Meghan Henry, "Demographics of Homelessness Series: The Rising Elderly Population," National Alliance to End Homelessness, April 2010. Copyright © 2010 by NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS.

**Retirement of Baby Boomers Threatens to Create Unmanageable Deficits**

[The Federal Budget Deficit, 2010](#)

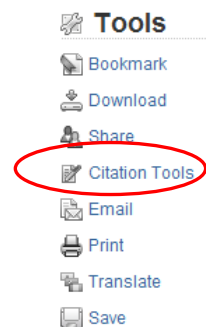
Peter J. Nelson, "As Boomers Grow Old, America Must Grow Up," Minneapolis Star-Tribune, August 3, 2008. Copyright © Cowles Media Co., 2008. Reproduced with permission of the author. Peter J. Nelson is a policy fellow at ...

**An Aging Population Can Contribute Much to Society**

[The Aging Population, 2009](#)

Suzanne Perry and Michael AR, "Take Room for Boomers," The Chronicle of Philanthropy, vol. 18, no. 4, November 24, 2005. Copyright © 2005 The Chronicle of Philanthropy. Reproduced by permission. Instead of viewing ...

**Citation:** Information is at the end of the article. Another option is to click on the “citation tools” in the “Tool” bar on the right-hand side. Select the MLA 7<sup>th</sup> edition and follow instructions.



### Lexis/Nexis:

**Web ID:**  
lhslibrary

**Password:**  
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#### Topics Covered by Lexis/Nexis:

Searches must be set-up in more particular way—keep trying for different keywords because the information is very current so could be helpful.

Ex. *Baby boomer* best searched as *baby boom generation*

**Areas to Use:** Study separate search areas (News, Legal Research or Legislation) carefully to select which is best for your research. Once in the selected area, again, read the options for the next choice. Be sure it is sorted by relevance and use the FOCUS feature to narrow topics.

**Citation:** Information is usually at the beginning of the article and most likely you will have to generate your own citation.

### Newsbank:

**Username:**  
libertyville

**Password:**  
wildcats

#### Topics Covered by Newsbank:

Searches must be set-up in more particular way—keep trying for different keywords.

Ex. *academic cheating* best searched as *academic dishonesty*

**Areas to Use:** May click on the bold “America’s News” at the top or select specific ones—place date parameters for recent materials if needed. Be sure to have **‘best matches first’** highlighted.

**Citation:** Click on the “Bibliography Export ” on the right-hand side and then select the “MLA Citations” button. Citation is in the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition MLA style.



## SirS Online

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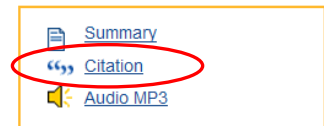
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**Areas to Use:** Do a basic search. Sort by date or view the options in the left-hand box titled “Narrow your results”.



**Citation:** Click “Citation” tab on the right hand side for the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition MLA style.



## Step #3: Internet

### On-Line Journals:

#### History News Network

Read news articles that relate history to the present and learn historians' views of current events. Includes articles from the left and right. <http://www.historynewsnetwork.com/>

#### In These Times Magazine

Provides groundbreaking coverage of current events.

<http://www.inthesetimes.org/>

**The Nation Magazine:**

Discusses political and social questions. Keep scrolling down to find the topics. Once you click on the topic, the article appears at the same spot—so you'll have to scroll back down again.

<http://www.thenation.com/>

**New Republic Magazine**

Lively journal of politics, current events, and the arts.

<http://www.tnr.com/>

**Reason Magazine**

Provides a provocative mix of news, analysis, commentary, and reviews. Will give more on the effects of an event than the actual history of the event. <http://www.reason.com/>

**World and U.S. Newspapers:**

World Newspapers, Magazines, and News Sites in English

<http://www.world-newspapers.com/>

Internet Public Library--Newspapers

<http://www.ipl.org/div/news/>

Online Newspapers—select continent then which newspaper you prefer

<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/>

Today's Front Pages

<http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/>

WorldPress.org

<http://www.worldpress.org/gateway.htm>

The Los Angeles Time

<http://www.latimes.com/>

News Now (from Britain)

<http://www.newsnow.co.uk/h/>

Newsweek Magazine

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek.html>

The New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com/>

Time Magazine

<http://www.time.com/time/>

## Invisible Web Directories

For sources not on the public web, such as dissertations, use the following. They will be more challenging to use but rewarding. Topics should be general—search for “bottled water” or “plastics environment”

Complete Planet <a href="http://www.completeplanet.com">http://www.completeplanet.com</a>
Directory of Open Access Journals <a href="http://www.doaj.org">http://www.doaj.org</a>
Freeality (select the search engines) <a href="http://www.freeality.com/international_search_engines.htm">http://www.freeality.com/international_search_engines.htm</a>
HighWire Press: Free Online Full-text Articles <a href="http://highwire.stanford.edu/">http://highwire.stanford.edu/</a> Not all are available for free, but for many the abstract is helpful
Infomine <a href="http://infomine.ucr.edu/">http://infomine.ucr.edu/</a>
Info Please <a href="http://www.infoplease.com/">http://www.infoplease.com/</a>
Internet Public Library <a href="http://www.ipl.org">http://www.ipl.org</a>
Lycos Directory <a href="http://www.lycos.com/">http://www.lycos.com/</a>
MagPortal.com <a href="http://magportal.com/">http://magportal.com/</a>
Pandia <a href="http://www.pandia.com/metasearch/index.html">http://www.pandia.com/metasearch/index.html</a>

## General Web Sites

Current Court Cases Information <a href="http://www.aclu.org/">http://www.aclu.org/</a>
Current Trends in Education <a href="http://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html">http://www.edweek.org/ew/index.html</a>
Digital Librarian <a href="http://www.digital-librarian.com/">http://www.digital-librarian.com/</a>
Google Headline <a href="http://news.google.com/">http://news.google.com/</a>
Google Scholar <a href="http://scholar.google.com/">http://scholar.google.com/</a>

Government Site

<http://www.usa.gov/>

IncyWincy

<http://www.incywincy.com/>

Virtual Library

<http://vlib.org/>

### Yippy

If you need help narrowing your thesis, try the search engine, at <http://search.yippy.com/>. It clusters topics on the left-hand side that could help you search your topic.

### Google

Use the Internet wisely. Set up a good internet search. Remember to use the “+” and “-” symbols to narrow down the search.

**Example:** Effects of bottled water on the environment.

**Key Words:** bottled water environment

**Effect Search:** "bottled water" +environment -.com +.gov

### Google Books

Find digitized books. Must click on the title to explore its possibilities (used to be able to read if it was full text, snippet view or just a review)

<http://books.google.com/books>

**For Example:** *U.S. Government Accountability Office: Report to Congressional Requesters—Bottled Water*

[http://books.google.com/books?id=Dwk6MmvEgfQC&pg=PA23&dq=bottled+water+environment&hl=en&ei=x8uFTurYAqbksQLv--CKDw&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=8&ved=0CG0Q6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=bottled%20water%20environment&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=Dwk6MmvEgfQC&pg=PA23&dq=bottled+water+environment&hl=en&ei=x8uFTurYAqbksQLv--CKDw&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=8&ved=0CG0Q6AEwBw#v=onepage&q=bottled%20water%20environment&f=false)

## Websites Based on Suggested Topics

Effects of In-Town Shopping Malls

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/REP/fulltxt/2905.pdf>

[http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/freeabs\\_all.jsp?arnumber=5920931](http://ieeexplore.ieee.org/xpl/freeabs_all.jsp?arnumber=5920931)

Effects of Reality TV on Society

<http://bunow.bloomu.edu/3047-the-effects-of-reality-television-on-our-society>

<http://www.med.umich.edu/yourchild/topics/tv.htm>

Effects of Fast Food on Health—Children's Preferences

<http://www.stopcorporateabuse.org/health-effects-fast-food>

<http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/161/8/792>

Effects of Twitter, Facebook, Social Media on Society—Language-- Behavior

[http://www.pw.org/content/oxford\\_lexicographers\\_chart\\_effects\\_twitter?content\\_all=1](http://www.pw.org/content/oxford_lexicographers_chart_effects_twitter?content_all=1)

<http://apeel-solutionsblog.info/home-internet-businesses/the-psychological-effects-of-twitter-and-facebook/>

<http://news.oneindia.in/2011/08/09/tech-negative-positive-effects-of-facebook-part-1.html>

<http://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2011/08/social-kids.aspx>

Effects of Rap Music on Mood --Behavior

<http://clearinghouse.missouriwestern.edu/manuscripts/325.php>

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1447759/>

Effects of Tabloids on Society (Ask your teacher before using these .com sites)

<http://wikitp.blogspot.com/2010/06/negative-effects-of-tabloids.html>

[http://books.google.com/books?id=F9RKsYss8rgC&pg=PA81&lpg=PA81&dq=effects+tabloids+-.com&source=bl&ots=oNm-](http://books.google.com/books?id=F9RKsYss8rgC&pg=PA81&lpg=PA81&dq=effects+tabloids+-.com&source=bl&ots=oNm-6mzy9H&sig=jJPQT2sgwp-)

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[cts%20tabloids%20-.com&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=F9RKsYss8rgC&pg=PA81&lpg=PA81&dq=effects+tabloids+-.com&source=bl&ots=oNm-6mzy9H&sig=jJPQT2sgwp-cXbPEZoXIPH8zmr4&hl=en&ei=NDiYTo2fNKKJsgLcqO3LBA&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=5&ved=0CDUQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q=effects%20tabloids%20-.com&f=false)

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/06217/711185-30.stm>

Effects of Baby Boom on Economics -- Society

[http://finance.wharton.upenn.edu/~abel/pdf\\_files\\_papers/PopChg16a.pdf](http://finance.wharton.upenn.edu/~abel/pdf_files_papers/PopChg16a.pdf)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/err79/err79.pdf>

Effects of Genetic Engineering, Human Cloning on Society --Ethics

<http://www.natureinstitute.org/nontarget/>

<http://library.thinkquest.org/CR0215642/>

<http://bioethics.georgetown.edu/nbac/pubs/cloning2/cc5.pdf>

Effect of Space Exploration on Society –Economy

<http://www.spaceandsociety.org/index2.html>

<http://marketplace.publicradio.org/display/web/2010/11/01/am-effects-of-nasas-space-program-ending/>

Effects of Divorce on Society--Children

[http://crr.bc.edu/working\\_papers/the\\_long-term\\_effects\\_of\\_the\\_divorce\\_revolution\\_health\\_wealth\\_and\\_labor\\_supply.html](http://crr.bc.edu/working_papers/the_long-term_effects_of_the_divorce_revolution_health_wealth_and_labor_supply.html)

<http://parenting247.org/article.cfm?ContentID=646>

Effects of Date Rape

[http://www.messiah.edu/offices/engle\\_center/counseling\\_services/self\\_help/date\\_rape/effects.html](http://www.messiah.edu/offices/engle_center/counseling_services/self_help/date_rape/effects.html)

<http://www.womensweb.ca/violence/rape/daterape.php>

Effects of Binge Drinking

<http://www.alcoholwithdrawalsymptoms.org/174/common-side-effects-of-binge-drinking/>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/alcohol/Pages/Bingedrinking.aspx>

<http://www.the-alcoholism-guide.org/dangers-of-binge-drinking.html>

Effects of Voter Apathy

[aladinrc.wrlc.org/bitstream/1961/4466/1/MeredithSprenkel.doc](http://aladinrc.wrlc.org/bitstream/1961/4466/1/MeredithSprenkel.doc)

<http://www.econedlink.org/lessons/index.php?lid=576&type=student>

Effects of School Violence on Society – Zero Tolerance

<https://uknow.drew.edu/confluence/display/Library/Effects+of+School+Violence>

[http://www.nasponline.org/publications/cq/mocq374impact\\_zero\\_tolerance.aspx](http://www.nasponline.org/publications/cq/mocq374impact_zero_tolerance.aspx)

Effects of Academic Cheating/Dishonesty on Academic Career – Relationships

[http://www.unl.edu/ous/academic\\_tips/integrity.shtml](http://www.unl.edu/ous/academic_tips/integrity.shtml)

<http://books.google.com/books?id=LMqAdulFH5AC&pg=PA275&lpg=PA275&dq=effects+academic+dishonesty+->

[.com&source=bl&ots=M5oTOVnrh\\_&sig=Bbjtl-](http://books.google.com/books?id=LMqAdulFH5AC&pg=PA275&lpg=PA275&dq=effects+academic+dishonesty+-)

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<http://aabss.org/Perspectives2005/AABSS%20Article%206%20RELATIONSHIP.pdf>

Effects of Global Food Crisis

<http://www.world-crisis.net/food-crisis.html>

<http://monthlyreview.org/2009/07/01/the-world-food-crisis-in-historical-perspective>

<http://www.odihpn.org/report.asp?id=2995>

Effects of Government Protests in General not Specific Country (Ask your teacher before using the .com sites)

<http://www.globalissues.org/article/45/public-protests-around-the-world>

<http://www.thedeflationtimes.com/2011/09/30/deflation-effects-global-protests-evidence-of-increasing-polarity-between-people-and-governments/>

Effects of Refugees on US Policies -- Environment

<http://carnegieendowment.org/1995/01/01/impact-of-u.s.-refugee-policies-on-u.s.-foreign-policy-case-of-tail-wagging-dog/55h>

<http://www.odihpn.org/report.asp?id=1157>

Effects of Athletes on Society – Role Model (Ask your teacher before using the .com sites)

[http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m1208/is\\_n13\\_v217/ai\\_14934970/](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1208/is_n13_v217/ai_14934970/)

<http://sportsanddrugs.procon.org/view.answers.php?questionID=001240>

Effects of Political / Celebrity Lifestyle in General not Specific Person

[http://www.progressiveliving.org/mass\\_media\\_and\\_politics.htm](http://www.progressiveliving.org/mass_media_and_politics.htm)

[http://www.elim.org.uk/Articles/187528/The\\_impact\\_of.aspx](http://www.elim.org.uk/Articles/187528/The_impact_of.aspx) (British site)

<http://www.ucg.org/christian-living/celebrity-culture-distorted-mirror/>

Effects of Rising College Costs

[http://www.cato.org/pub\\_display.php?pub\\_id=3344](http://www.cato.org/pub_display.php?pub_id=3344)

<http://tech.mit.edu/V127/N48/tuition.html>