Causes and Effect

This activity is adaptable for any history, science, current events, and fiction.

Common Core Anchor Writing Standard 2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

Main Idea:
There usually is more than one cause for an effect.

Related Ideas
• People can identify causes that are stated literally
• People can infer causes

Approach:
Use any history book, newspaper article, short story, or novel.
Identify the causes and effects in one situation.
Use a diagram to show them visually:

Writing Connection
Students write the sequence of events represented by the diagram.

Students write What’s Next—analyze the situation and logically present prediction of next event.