This strategy helps students identify and/or explain cause and effect relationships found in both informational and literary texts by using a graphic organizer.

1. The teacher introduces the graphic organizer.

2. The students read the assigned text.

3. The students complete the two-column notes using their knowledge of the story.

4. The students list causes on the left-hand side of the chart.

5. The students identify the effects of the listed causes on the right-hand side of the chart.

6. The students share their cause and effect notes with the class.

Reference