

Nonfiction Text Structures #2

Cause and Effect

Cause and effect is a type of text structure that writers use to describe an event or several events (the cause) and the event or events that follow, or result (the effect).

Cause and Effect Signal Words

because, therefore, as a result, due to, led to, since

Cause and Effect Visuals

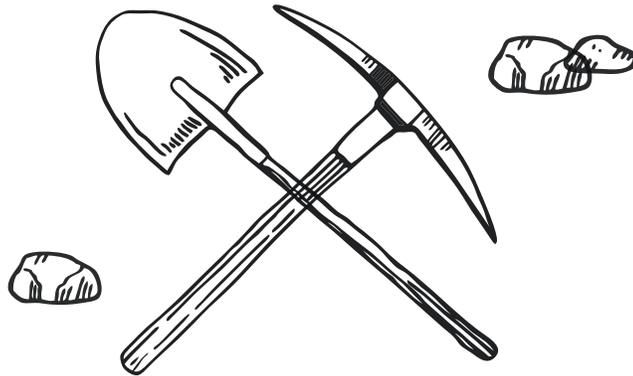


Directions: Read the passage, underlining signal words that offer clues about the text structure.

The California Gold Rush

It's important to remember that, although many people found fame and fortune during the Gold Rush, not everyone's story had such a happy ending. Certain classes and races had their rights trampled on during the rush for gold.

As a result of word getting out about gold in California, workers from China flooded into San Francisco. At first, the other miners were welcoming and everyone was free to seek fortune in California. However, since more and more Chinese citizens participated in mining for gold, the other miners began to worry that these new settlers would take away jobs and opportunities from them. Ultimately, because of intense discrimination, Chinese-American miners began to struggle for their rights.

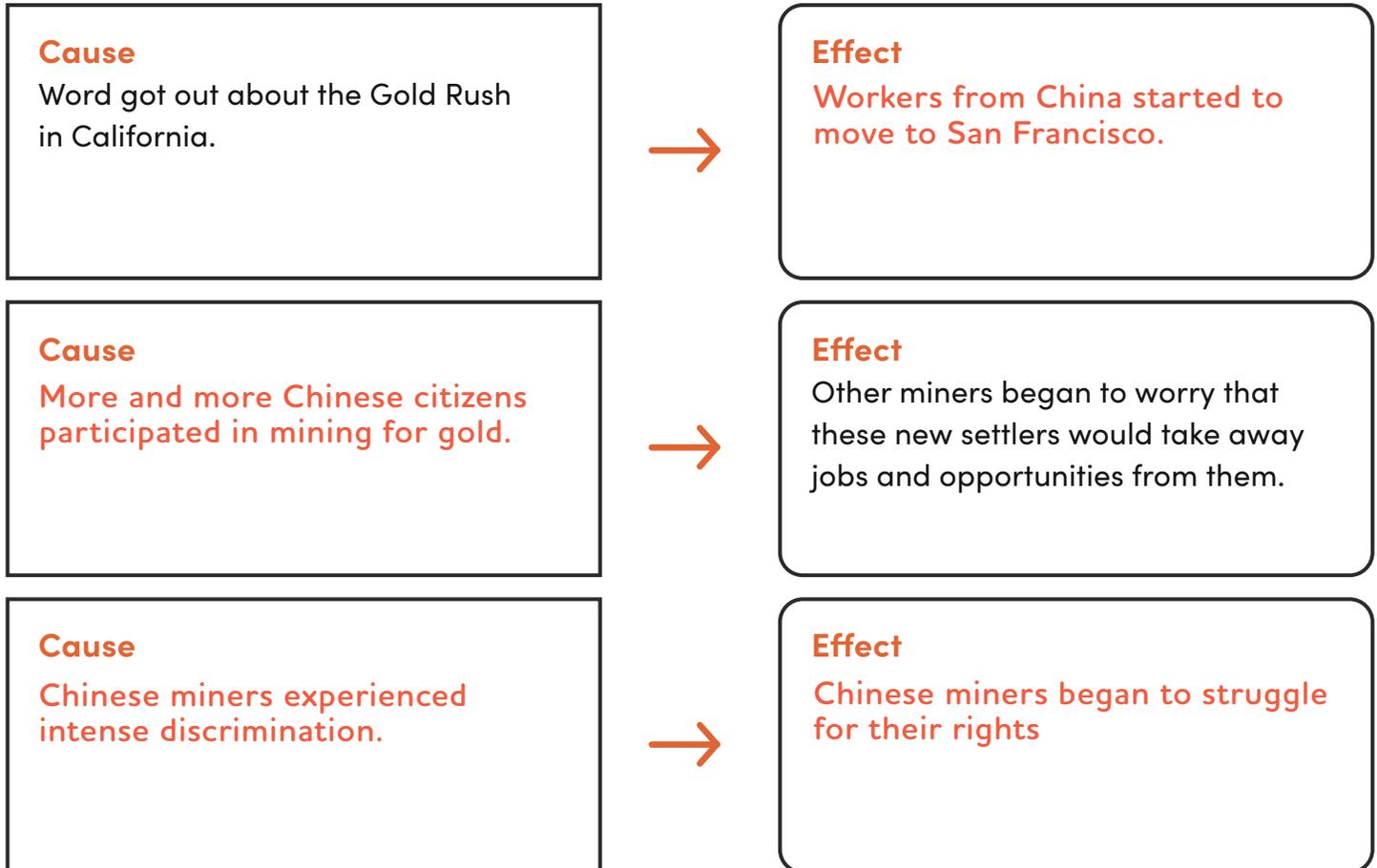


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Directions: Cite evidence from the text when completing this chart.



List the signal words in this passage. (Hint: Look for words that show cause and effect.)

as a result

since

because

Given that Chinese immigrants faced discrimination, I would infer that they started to feel ...

Student answers will vary, but may include fearful, hurt, and disempowered.