Planning a Cause and Effect Paper

Some things happen for a lot of reasons; sometimes something happens that causes a lot of effects. It is often helpful to think about the causes and effects in both ways: what things or events led up to or caused another event and which thing or event created several different effects. Two graphic organizers are presented below. Select the one that best matches the topic you are studying and take notes about its causes and effects.

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| **Cause** | **Effects** |
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Use the information you gathered above to write a paragraph or paper that summarizes the cause(s) and effect(s) related to the topic.