

Demeter and Persephone

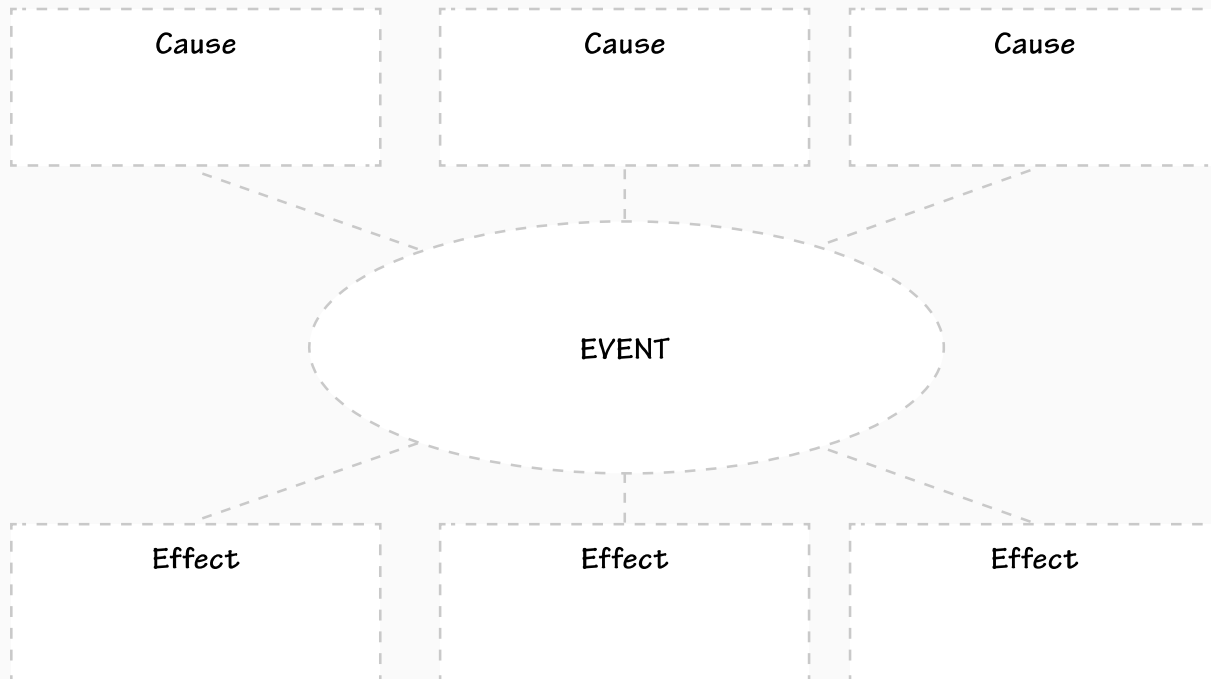
Reading Skill

A **cause** is an event, an action, or a feeling that makes something happen. What happens is called an **effect**. More than one cause can produce a single effect. A single cause sometimes produces several effects. Effects can also lead to more results later on.

Ask questions to analyze cause-and-effect relationships:

- What happened in the story? Why did this happen?
- What will happen because of this action?

Use this chart to record causes and effects as you read.



Literary Analysis

People have always tried to understand the world around them. Ancient people created **myths**. Myths are stories that can explain natural occurrences, such as earthquakes, or express beliefs.

Every culture has its own collection of myths, or *mythology*. Myths have gods and goddesses and explore universal themes.