

Cause / Effect Chart – What two events have an impact on the character and cause him or her to change during the story?

Example for Scrooge from *A Christmas Carol*:

<p style="text-align: center;">CAUSE (EVENT)</p> <p>What happened to Scrooge?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EFFECT (LESSON)</p> <p>What does Scrooge learn, realize, or understand?</p>
<p>Cratchit House (Spirit of the Present)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family’s clothes are worn but they try to dress-up— Peter wears his dad’s shirt; Mrs. C. puts ribbons on her dress to make it fancy • they share and enjoy a scanty meal—goose, mashed potatoes, plum pudding • laughing, talking, playing jokes (Martha pretending not to be there) • sees Tiny Tim and his frail condition • hears Bob propose a toast • hears Mrs. C. call S. “odious, stingy, hard” and “unfeeling” (72) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family is poor • they don’t have much, but they’re happy because they’re together • Tiny Tim is sick and frail and may die • When S. talks about letting the “surplus population” die (24), he’s talking about people like the Tim and the other Cratchits • what Scrooge does has an effect on others • realizes that the Cratchits don’t like him

<p style="text-align: center;">CAUSE (EVENT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What happened to Maijue?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EFFECT (LESSON)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What does she learn, realize, or understand?</p>
<p>Sees the orphan girl begging for food</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • her family was at a bus station converted to a large refugee center in Bangkok • the place was “depressing and nerve-racking” (274) • very little food • a small child, who came to the family and begged for something to eat • both her parents were dead and she was all alone • at first Maijue’s father gave the girl a piece of bread • when she came around a second time, he had to refuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the incident made Maijue very sad • it obviously was a memory that stayed with her long after it occurred • she may have been worried that she would end up like that little girl • made her feel grateful to have a family & have people taking care of her • at end of story, says M. wants to take care of her parents

Example for Maijue from “An Unforgettable Journey”: