



HANDOUT 1

It Happened Because. . .Cause and Effect Chart

In history we have learned that the decisions people make cause other events to happen. The Jamestown settlers chose a poor location to build their fort, and the settlers got sick from disease-carrying mosquitoes and brackish water. During the 1760s, events occurred that caused problems, like one domino falling after another in a chain reaction. These events built up until war resulted between the American Colonies and England. Complete the Cause and Effect diagram below. To think of a cause, ask yourself “Why did it happen?” To think of an effect, ask yourself “What happened because of this?”

CAUSE	EFFECT
	Colonial planters were able to purchase goods from English merchants.
England sent large numbers of troops and expensive supplies to protect the Colonies from attack during the French and Indian War.	
	The colonists were ordered to provide food and shelter for the British soldiers by the Quartering Act
Colonists were forced to purchase all goods from England, even if the price was cheaper or the quality was better from another country.	
The Stamp Act required colonists to purchase a British stamp for all documents – newspapers, wills, diplomas, and licenses – in order to make them legal.	
	In anger, the colonists decided to boycott all English goods.
John Hancock's ship, <i>Liberty</i> , is taken by the British when they think it has been used to smuggle goods into the Colonies.	
The British Parliament is angry about the protest and violence in the Colonies and decides to restore order.	