

**ASSIGNMENT 5: Relating Cause and Effect**

Events in history do not just happen. Every event or development has at least one *cause*, or reason why it happened; and every event or development has at least one *effect* (or result). In writing about such a chain reaction, you should arrange your information in cause-and-effect order, making clear that a given cause or causes lead to certain effects. Before writing about a series of events, you might find it helpful to prepare a cause-and-effect chart. For example, before writing about the events surrounding the signing of the *Magna Carta*, you could prepare a chart like this one:

Cause	King John taxes English barons to support his wars in France.
Cause	John loses the war and English territory in France.
Effect	The barons force John to sign the <i>Magna Carta</i> spelling out their rights.

Use the chart to compose a paragraph something like the following:

In the early 13<sup>th</sup> century, England lost a number of its territories in northwestern France. King John of England raised taxes to try and defend, or even re-take, his lands; however, England's attempts were all unsuccessful as John continued to lose territory. The barons of England, tired of both paying taxes and losing to the French, forced King John to sign a charter called the *Magna Carta* which prevented the English king from enacting any future taxes without the consent of the barons. (83 words)

**Procedure**

- 1). Prepare a cause-and-effect chart outlining the conflict between Emperor Henry IV and Pope Gregory VII. Then write a paragraph (see exemplar above) based on the chart.
- 2). Prepare a cause-and-effect chart outlining the conflict between England and France during the Hundred Years' War. Then write a paragraph based on the chart.
- 3). Submit both your charts and paragraphs through *Google* docs for evaluation.

**Note:** both paragraphs must be a minimum of 50 words each in order to earn full marks.