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American History 8

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| The ***topic sentence*** should respond to the prompt using the prompt’s wording and state the main idea.  ***Introduce*** the first area of development.  ***Develop*** this area by explaining how each cause either contributed t0 his death or was a necessary cause.    ***Introduce*** the second area of development.  ***Develop*** this area by explaining  how each cause either contributed t0 his death or was a necessary  cause.    ***Introduce*** the third area of development.  ***Develop*** this area by explaining  how each cause either contributed t0 his death or was a necessary  cause.    Be sure to present your ideas in a logical order that is obvious to your reader. Here I presented them in chronological order from birth to death.  Conclude without directly repeating but instead with a thought that takes the ideas into the reader’s world. | The death of Cam the Camel was caused by his physical problems, his choice of career, and the demands of his trainer.  The path toward his death began at his birth. Due to complications during his birth, Cam was born with back problems, and Cam died when this weakened back collapsed. ***Thus without this original weakness, Cam would not have died.*** The fact that Cam never received medical treatment for his back problems ***increased the likelihood*** that he would die from a collapsed back. One can imagine that such commonly done surgeries as the insertion of a rod or the fusing of vertebrae could have strengthened his back. Physical therapy and chiropractic treatments could have helped Cam strengthen his back, increase his flexibility, and relax his muscles. A back brace might have provided support that would have prevented further damage. Medicinal treatments that decreased inflammation, increased bone density or prevented bone loss might have helped. The reason Cam did not receive this treatment was not made clear, but one might hypothesize that the lack of treatment was either because it had not yet been developed for his problem or was too expensive for his parents or was not available where he lived. Thus Cam dealt with his bad back his entire life, and it was thus an underlying cause of his death.  Cam’s choice of career ***worsened*** this ***underlying*** back problem so much that this choice became another ***direct*** ***cause*** of his death. Cam chose to become a circus performer. Such a physically demanding career ***puts stress on*** the entire body. And Cam did not perform at a basic level, but ***contributed*** to this physical stress by always pushing himself to perform at the highest level. Such outstanding performance led to his being a star performer, which ***contributed*** to the problem yet more because, as riding camels is a common way humans interact with camels,  his fans were eager for rides on Cam. Spending his days performing physically at the highest levels after hours of giving rides ***made his underlying back problems so much worse*** that collapse of his back and thus his death were almost certain.  Though most star athletes have a trainer who seeks to protect the health of their star, Cam was not so lucky; his trainer Mack was instead a vicious man who was focused only on his own fame. Thus instead of protecting Cam, Mack’s vicious treatment and his drive to be famous made Cam’s ***underlying*** back problem not only likely but ***inevitably*** ***lead to*** his death. Not only did Mack have Cam give rides, he contributed to this added pressure by charging only 50 cents a ride. So cheap a ride led to an endless stream of riders lasting all day every day until the performances of the evening began. So greedy was Mack that he put as many people as he could on Cam’s back for each ride and set no restriction on their combined weight. If Mack’s performance dropped because of this demand, he was punished by being forced to sleep outside without a bed to provide support and comfort so his back could recuperate while he slept. This was topped off by Mack dreaming of the ultimate prize, fame, which he believed from watching talk shows would come from him getting into the Guinness Book of World Records, so the unlimited number and weight became a world record 3 adults and 4 kids on Mack’s back at once. This unheard of burden and the straw Mack’s complete lack of respect led him to toss on Cam’s back ***adding*** to this burden were ***final, immediate*** causes of Cam’s death.  No autopsy was needed as the causes of Cam’s death are so clear.  Cam’s loss highlights the importance of medical care for all, career counseling for the young, and laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals. |

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**Grading Sheet for Causation Essay**

**Writing Qualities Sought**

* **Well structured** - Bullets crossed out mark problems with structure.
  + **Topic sentence**
    - responds to question - using the question's wording
    - states main idea,
    - a separate sentence not linked to supporting ideas
  + **Areas of development**

First area of development

* + - Introduced in a separate sentence not linked to developing detail
    - Area developed by specific examples of causes in that area
      * explanation is provided of how each cause leads to the war
      * whether the each cause is necessary or contributory, long term or short term is made clear

Second area of development

* + - Introduced in a separate sentence not linked to developing detail
    - Area developed by specific examples of causes in that area
      * explanation is provided of how each cause leads to the war
      * whether the each cause is necessary or contributory, long term or short term is made clear

Last area of development

* + - Introduced in a separate sentence not linked to developing detail
    - Area developed by specific examples of causes in that area
      * explanation is provided of how each cause leads to the war
      * whether the each cause is necessary or contributory, long term or short term is made clear
    - Areas of development are in a logical order that is obvious to the reader
  + Concluding Thought attempted, not just a repeat of the topic.
* Ideas are **accurate** - Inaccurate ideas are marked on the paper with **INACC.**
* Ideas are **clear** - Unclear ideas are marked on paper with a **?**
* Ideas provided are **complete** -Bullets crossed out mark a problem with completeness.
  + ***enough*** evidence was provided - discussed a substantial number of the causes
  + causes are ***presented in three groups*** based on ***logical connections and interactions that are explained***
  + ***Necessary and contributory causes, underlying and immediate causes are used, and the type of cause is made obvious to the reader***
  + ***Explanation provided builds a strong case*** for these being important causes of the revolution
* **Common conventions** are maintained - Bullets crossed out mark a problem with Conventions, and convention errors are marked on paper.
  + Written in full sentences - begin with capital letter, end with period, no fragments, no run-ons
  + Few if any spelling errors
  + Few if any capitalization errors
  + Written in correct tense - Need to use past tense when discussing historical events
  + Written in third person - no "you,'' "I," or "we"
  + Avoids unclear pronouns - ex. they? Who?