write an outline for a cause and effect essay on picking apples

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I. Introduction

A. Briefly introduce the topic of picking apples

B. Present the thesis statement: Picking apples has various causes that lead to multiple effects, impacting both individuals and the apple industry.

Instructor Comment: My comment here deals mostly with the thesis; it’s far too general and doesn’t offer much of an analytical insight. If it had identified one cause and searched out effects, or if it had identified one effect and searched out causes, then it might have been useful in terms of providing sample ideas and structure for a cause and effect essay. As it is, the thesis is so general that it opens the door to a variety of information in the outline. The information is all related to the topic, but not to a specific assertion about the topic, and that specific assertion is exactly what it needed. The ideas in the outline range from the physical aspects of apple picking to the weather to working in the industry, to the economics of apple growing, to consumers, and more. This outline would not result in a focused essay.

Also, logic and unity are questionable in places. What does “causes of picking apples” mean? And how is the labor involved in apple-picking, or the role of orchards in the local economy a “cause?” AI cannot be relied upon to think logically about causes.

AI does do better with identifying effects, since this is more descriptive than analytical. But the issue is that with such a broad, meaningless thesis sentence, the outline ranges too widely over disparate topics, without examining causes or effects in depth. There’s an allusion to a possible assertion at the end, that apple picking is important to both individuals and the apple industry, but this statement would need work to develop into a usable thesis for examining causes and/or effects.

II. Causes of picking apples

A. Physical demand and labor-intensive nature

1. Describing the physical exertion required in picking apples

2. Explaining the need for manual labor due to delicate fruit handling

B. Seasonal availability and harvest timing

1. Discussing the specific time window for apple harvest

2. Highlighting the influence of weather conditions on picking apples

C. Economic factors and employment opportunities

1. Exploring the role of apple orchards in local economies

2. Addressing the employment opportunities created by the apple-picking industry

III. Effects of picking apples

A. Physical and health benefits

1. Discussing the positive impact of physical activity on individuals

2. Highlighting the potential health benefits of being outdoors and engaging in manual laboria

B. Economic impact on apple growers

1. Describing the financial gains achieved through apple sales

2. Exploring the economic stability and growth of apple orchards

C. Consumer access to fresh produce

1. Explaining how apple picking allows consumers to access freshly picked, high-quality apples

2. Discussing the satisfaction of knowing the origin and quality of the fruit

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IV. Interconnectedness and ripple effects

A. Highlighting the interdependence between apple growers and pickers

1. Exploring the symbiotic relationship between orchard owners and workers

2. Discussing the significance of picking apples for sustaining the apple industry

B. Environmental impact and sustainability

1. Addressing sustainable farming practices adopted by apple growers

2. Discussing the positive environmental implications of apple orchards

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V. Conclusion

A. Summarize the main causes and effects of picking apples

B. Reinforce the importance of apple picking for individuals and the apple industry

C. Conclude with a final thought or call to action related to supporting local apple growers and experiencing the benefits of picking apples.

Overall Analysis: While this AI-generated outline is useful in pointing out what *not* to do in terms of creating a thesis and ideas for a cause/effect essay, it can be useful in sparking your own ideas. For example, you could develop an interesting essay examining the effects of using seasonal workers, on the industry, the workers, and the local economy. You could develop an interesting essay on why (causes) many apple farmers have moved to sustainable farming practices. You could develop a serious essay on the physical effects of apple-picking, or a humorous essay on what caused a disasterous but (in retrospect) hilarious family experience picking apples. There’s a lot to “mine” from this outline in terms of basic ideas, as long as you realize that you have to create your own thesis and idea structure for a cause/effect essay.

P.S. Because this outline was so lacking, I tried AI again, and it generated another outline with the same issues of an overly-broad thesis and an inability to logically identify causes. And it did the same thing that it did for the division and classification example – it brought both causes and effects into each unit of support, when it would have been better to focus more deeply on examining the effects of one cause, or the causes of one effect.

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I. Introduction

A. Hook: Imagine an apple orchard bustling with activity during harvest season, and consider the cause-and-effect relationships involved in the process of picking apples.

B. Background information on apple picking and its significance in the agricultural industry.

C. Thesis statement: Picking apples involves various cause-and-effect relationships, as different factors contribute to the efficiency, quality, and overall success of the harvest.

II. Cause 1: Weather Conditions

A. Explanation of how weather conditions play a crucial role in apple picking.

B. Cause: Unfavorable weather, such as heavy rain or strong winds.

1. Effect: Difficulties in climbing ladders or reaching apples due to slippery or unstable conditions.

2. Effect: Increased risk of damage to the fruit, resulting in lower quality or loss of harvest.

C. Cause: Ideal weather, such as sunny and dry conditions.

1. Effect: Ease of movement and improved safety during apple picking.

2. Effect: Higher quality fruit with reduced risk of bruising or other damage.

III. Cause 2: Tree Health and Maintenance

A. Discussion of how the health and maintenance of apple trees impact the picking process.

B. Cause: Neglected or diseased trees.

1. Effect: Difficulty in identifying ripe apples, as diseased or damaged fruit may resemble healthy ones.

2. Effect: Increased risk of injury to pickers due to weakened branches or unstable tree structures.

C. Cause: Well-maintained and healthy trees.

1. Effect: Clear visibility of ripe apples, making the picking process more efficient.

2. Effect: Enhanced safety for pickers, with sturdy branches and reduced risk of accidents.

IV. Cause 3: Skill and Technique of Pickers

A. Examination of how the skill and technique of pickers influence the apple picking process.

B. Cause: Inexperienced or untrained pickers.

1. Effect: Slower picking pace and potential damage to the fruit due to improper handling techniques.

2. Effect: Reduced efficiency and increased labor requirements.

C. Cause: Experienced and skilled pickers.

1. Effect: Swift and accurate apple picking, maximizing productivity.

2. Effect: Minimized damage to the fruit, ensuring high-quality harvest.

V. Cause 4: Harvest Timing

A. Analysis of how timing affects the apple picking process.

B. Cause: Premature or delayed picking.

1. Effect: Premature picking leads to underripe fruit, resulting in lower flavor and quality.

2. Effect: Delayed picking may lead to overripe or spoiled apples, reducing market value and overall yield.

C. Cause: Optimal harvest timing.

1. Effect: Maximum flavor and quality of the fruit, meeting market standards.

2. Effect: Efficient utilization of labor and resources, optimizing the overall success of the harvest.

VI. Conclusion

A. Recap of the cause-and-effect relationships involved in the apple picking process.

B. Emphasis on the significance of weather conditions, tree health and maintenance, picker skill and technique, and harvest timing.

C. Closing thoughts on the importance of understanding these cause-and-effect relationships to make informed decisions, maximize efficiency, and ensure a successful apple harvest.