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Cause and Effect

- A **cause** is what makes something happen. An **effect** is what happens as a result of the cause.
- An effect may have more than one cause, and a cause may have more than one effect.

Directions Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

In the early part of the twentieth century, there were a large number of immigrants who came to the United States. Many people came from eastern European countries like Poland, Italy, and Russia. Because large U.S. cities offered an easier transition into American culture, many ethnic neighborhoods developed in major cities. These cities offered jobs and

public transportation was widespread. Immigrants were able to be near other relatives who'd moved to the U.S., and a community of familiar languages and customs was welcoming to newcomers. These areas where immigrants settled helped define the neighborhoods that became a part of big cities like Chicago, New York, and Boston.

1. What were the nationalities of many immigrants in the early twentieth century?

2. What features of big cities appealed to immigrants?

3. What do you think happened to the population in big cities during this time? What do you think was the cause of this effect?

4. How were the immigrants' cultural backgrounds preserved in the new country?

5. Write a summary of the passage in one or two sentences.

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Home Activity Your child read a short passage and answered questions about cause and effect. Read an article about your city or a neighborhood where you live. See if you can identify some of the reasons why your city or neighborhood is the way that it is.