***Hamlet***by William Shakespeare

Expository Essay: Analysis of Cause and Effect

**What is an Analysis of Cause and Effect paper**: Every time you try to answer a question that asks “Why?” you engage in the process of causal analysis. You attempt to determine a cause for an effect. Showing causes, reasons, effects, and results or consequences is a natural way of thinking. We are using causal analysis whenever we dig behind an event or statement and ask, “Why did this take place?” or “What are the effects of such an act or statement?”

Essay Topic: Discuss whether you believe Hamlet is insane and defend why you believe this. This may be due to his situation or his character or both. How does this state of being trapped or insane reflect on the human condition or the nature of man’s reality?

**Thesis Statement:**

**Claims:**

**Topic Sentences:**