

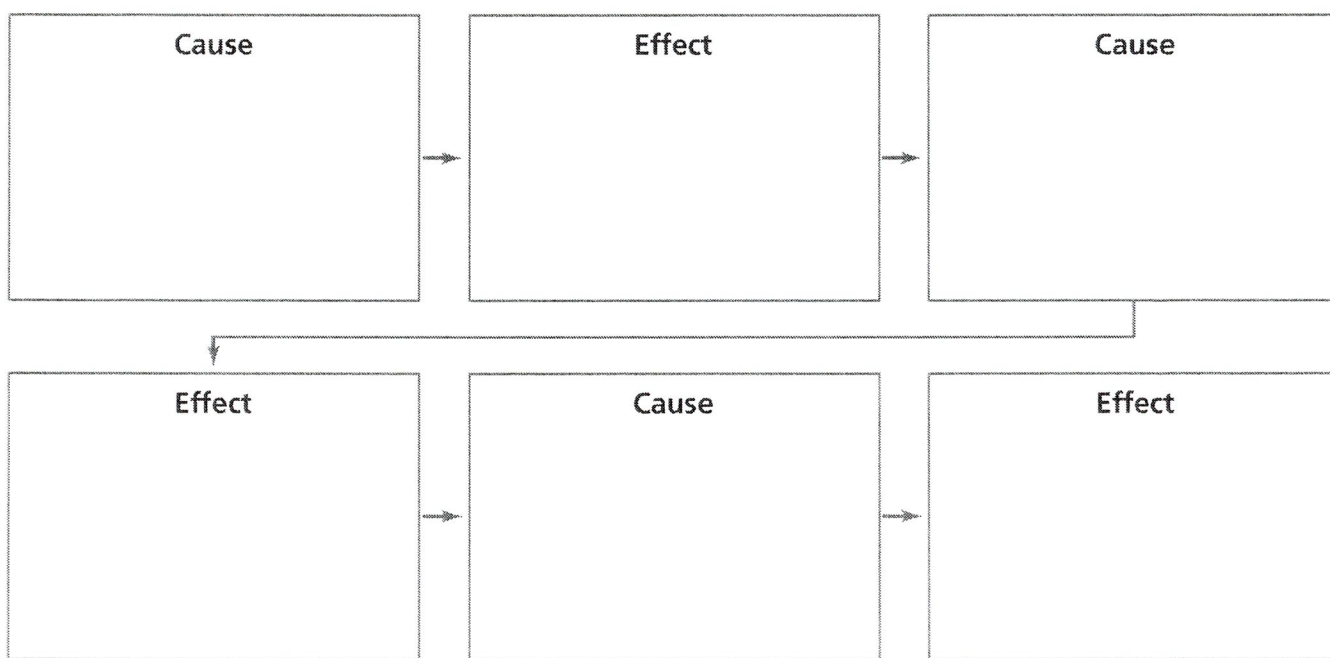
## The Origin of the Seasons

**Cause-and-Effect Chart** Through a series of causes and effects, **origin myths** explain how things came to be in our world. Fill in the chart below with the major causes and effects from “The Origin of the Seasons.” Add more boxes if you need them.



**Literary Skills**  
Analyze an origin myth.

**Reading Skills**  
Analyze cause and effect.



**Origin Myths** What aspect of the natural world does this myth explain? Do you find it a convincing explanation? Why or why not?

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# Skills Review

## The Origin of the Seasons

### COMPREHENSION

**A. Reading Comprehension** Check True or False in response to the following statements about the story.

1. Demeter and Persephone are sisters.  
\_\_\_\_ True    \_\_\_\_ False
2. When Hades takes Persephone to be his wife, Zeus becomes very angry.  
\_\_\_\_ True    \_\_\_\_ False
3. The goddess Demeter becomes a nursemaid to a human boy.  
\_\_\_\_ True    \_\_\_\_ False
4. The crops on earth fail because of Demeter's neglect.  
\_\_\_\_ True    \_\_\_\_ False
5. When Persephone defies Zeus, she is condemned to spend her life as Hades' wife.  
\_\_\_\_ True    \_\_\_\_ False

**B. Understanding Cause and Effect** Describe the effect of each event.

1. Gloomy Hades falls in love with beautiful young Persephone.  
Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Unhappy about the loss of Persephone, Demeter gives no thought to her duties as the harvest goddess.  
Effect: \_\_\_\_\_
3. While in the land of the dead, Persephone eats seven seeds from a piece of fruit.  
Effect: \_\_\_\_\_



**Reading Skills**  
Understand  
cause and effect.