

Name _____

Cause and Effect

- A **cause** is why something happened. An **effect** is what happened.
- A **cause** may have more than one **effect**. *Because I forgot to set my alarm clock, I overslept, and I was late for school.*
- An **effect** may have more than one **cause**. *Dad's computer crashed because it didn't have enough memory, and he was running too many programs at once.*

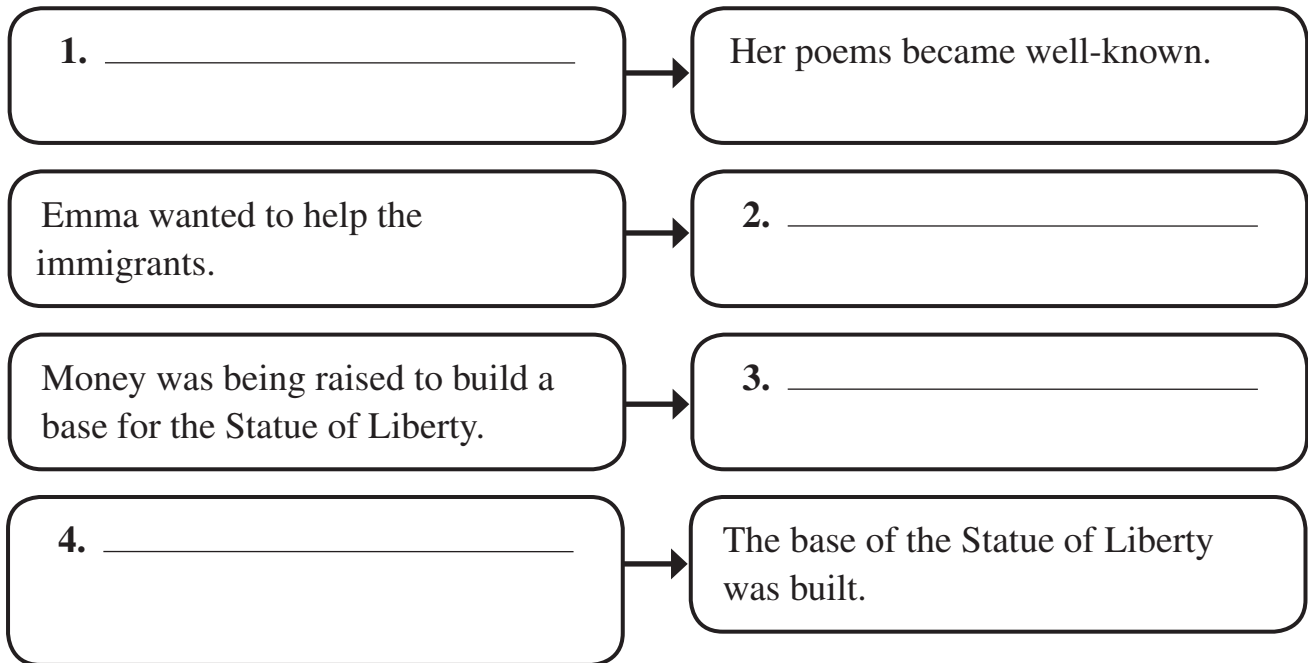
Directions Read the following passage and fill in the chart below.

Emma Lazarus was born in New York City in 1849 in a large, wealthy Jewish family. She started writing poems when she was in her teens, and her poems became very well-known. As a young woman, Emma learned about the problems faced by Jewish people in Russia. She stopped writing and helped these people as they immigrated to New York.

When money was being raised to build a base for the Statue of Liberty, Emma wrote a poem about America as a land of opportunity. She donated the poem to raise funds. Her poem and other donations raised a great deal of money, and the base was built. The statue has become a symbol of freedom. Emma's poem is at its base.

CAUSES: Why did it happen?

EFFECTS: What happened?



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Home Activity Your child learned about cause and effect. Play a cause-and-effect game with your child. Name an effect and have your child make up a possible cause. Then name a cause and have him or her make up a possible effect. Continue until you have named five causes and effects.