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Cause and Effect

- A **cause** is why something happened. An **effect** is what happened. Look for clue words such as **because, so, it, then,** and **since.**

Directions Reread this passage from *Special Talents—Extraordinary Lives*.

Sometimes a genius like Galileo is a pioneer, or the first person ever to do something. Before Galileo, no one had looked at the Sun through a telescope, so no one knew that it was harmful to the eyes. That may have been why Galileo lost his eyesight. But being a pioneer also got Galileo into trouble with the law.

In the 1600s in Italy, people believed that the Sun revolved around Earth. Even though Galileo was right, hardly anyone believed him. Because talking about his discovery was against the law, Galileo was arrested. As punishment, he had to stay inside his house for the rest of his life.

Use the information from the passage to fill in the graphic organizer.

