

Reading Skills and Strategies Worksheet
Where the Red Fern Grows

Chapters XVIII–XX

Chapters XVIII–XX: Charting Causes and Effects

A **cause** is what makes something happen. An **effect** is what happens. For example, Rubin Pritchard dies because he falls onto an ax.

Cause: Falling onto ax

Effect: Rubin dies

Complete the following cause-and-effect chart.

CAUSE	→	EVENT	→	EFFECT
<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		<p>Old Dan and Little Ann circle a tree.</p>		<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
CAUSE	→	EVENT	→	EFFECT
<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		<p>Billy returns home with a box of money.</p>		<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
CAUSE	→	EVENT	→	EFFECT
<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		<p>Billy and the dogs fight a mountain lion.</p>		<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
CAUSE	→	EVENT	→	EFFECT
<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>		<p>Little Ann loses her will to live.</p>		<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>

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VOCABULARY DISCUSSION: USING CONTEXT CLUES

Read the contexts of the words *defiant* (p. 188), *allotted* (p. 189), and *predatory* (p. 191). Write out what you think each word means. Check your guesses in a dictionary.