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RI.4.3 Explain events in a Historical Text by identifying cause and effect relationships.

Read the text and pay attention to cause and effect signal words in the historical text.

The California Gold Rush

It's important to remember that, although many people found fame and fortune during the Gold Rush, not everyone's story had such a happy ending. Certain classes and races had their rights trampled on during the rush for gold.

As a result of word getting out about gold in California, workers from China flooded into San Francisco. At first, the other miners were welcoming and everyone was free to seek fortune in California. However, since more and more Chinese citizens participated in mining for gold, the other miners began to worry that these new settlers would take away jobs and opportunities from them. Ultimately, because of intense discrimination, Chinese-American miners began to struggle for their rights.

Using evidence from the text, complete the Cause-and-Effect Chart. Drag and Drop the correct Cause and Effect statements from below.

Cause Word got out about the Gold Rush in California.	→	Effect
Cause	→	Effect Other miners began to worry that these new settlers would take away jobs and opportunities from them.
Cause	→	Effect
Chinese miners began to struggle for their rights.		More and more Chinese citizens participated in mining for gold.
Workers from China started to move to San Francisco.		Chinese miners experienced intense discrimination.