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Period:

World History Pre-Unit: Social Studies Skills

Cause and Effect

The Scenarios

Scenario A:

Jamal had woken up late today. There was a storm last night, and the power had gone out which messed up his alarm. As he was getting dressed for school, his belt broke. He also noticed that he had a stain on the front of his pants. Since he was running late, he did not have time to do anything about either problem. He was barely going to make it to first period.

Jamal slides into his desk as the bell rings; he was not late. This was the first positive thing all day. As soon as the teacher walked by his desk, though, she started to get on him about tucking in his shirt. Jamal did not want to tuck in his shirt because he had no belt and there was that stain on the front of his pants. He did not do what the teacher asked. Five minutes later, the teacher said something again thinking Jamal had not heard her the first time. Jamal still did not do as she asked. This time, however, he let his irritation with his bad day get to him and he said with quite an attitude, "Leave me alone, it is not hurting anything. You are the only teacher that bugs me about dress code."

The teacher responded to Jamal that enforcing the dress code was part of her job and that she had to do it whether he liked it or not. Jamal was too emotional at this point and felt the need to respond again, "You just like to get me in trouble because I am a boy. You never get the girls for dress code." The teacher told Jamal that he was going to be removed from class for his insubordination and disrespect. Jamal had to spend the rest of the day in ISIP.

Scenario B:

Cassie could not wait for the game Friday night. It would be her first game as a varsity cheerleader. Thursday's practice had been great, and she knew her part well for every cheer and the starting line-up. When she arrived home from practice, her mom told her that she needed to do her chores. She was exhausted from practice and really only wanted to take a shower. She hurried through her chores. As she was outside feeding the dog, she split his water dish that she had just filled. Water went everywhere. Cassie knew that she should clean it up, but she did not want to miss the beginning of Gossip Girl.

The next morning, Cassie was loaded down with all of her things. She had her bookbag and her cheerleading bag since she would be going straight to the game. She grabbed her coat because the weather was bitter cold this morning. She stepped out the front door and immediately wiped out. There was a shooting pain in her ankle. She cried for help. Her mother came running to see what had happened. She decided that Cassie needed to go to the hospital because her ankle was bent at a weird angle. As she helped Cassie up, she commented, "Where did this ice come from? It did not rain last night, but the sidewalk is wet." Cassie instantly remembered where the ice had come from. The water she split last night had frozen into an ice puddle.

Four hours later, Cassie was walking on crutches crying about her situation. She had broken her ankle. She was not going to be able to cheer for almost ten weeks, maybe more if her ankle did not heal properly. Worst of all, she didn't break her ankle doing some awesome tumbling stunt, she had fallen on ice. How lame! What would her squad say?