

**LITERATURE UPDATE**

**Escaping to Freedom**

This biography describes the journey of Josiah Henson, a slave who traveled the Underground Railroad with his family in search of freedom.

**Brave Butterflies**

Set during a dangerous period in the history of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, this story tells how thirteen-year-old Ana Perez discovers a secret that puts her family in danger with the secret police.

**Seeking Freedom**

This nonfiction article explores the many different fights for freedom throughout history and today.

## Struggle for Freedom

Many people have gone through enormous struggles to gain freedom from war, from slavery, or from poverty. In class, we are learning about the struggle for freedom, both in the past and present. We are discovering the causes and effects of this important struggle. We are also learning the following skills to help us become better readers and writers:

**Unit 6 Skills Focus**

- Vocabulary:** Use Context Clues for Unfamiliar Words
- Reading:** Determine Importance
- Literary Analysis:** Analyze Text Structure: Cause and Effect
- Grammar:** Subject and Object Pronouns; Possessive Nouns
- Writing:** Summary Paragraph; Cause-and-Effect Essay

## ANALYZE CAUSE AND EFFECT

Work with a family member to analyze cause and effect in the news.

1. Read one or two news articles or watch television newscasts. Identify the causes of an event in each article or report. Write the causes in the chart below. (For example, a car accident might have been caused by bad winter weather.)
2. Talk about the effects. Write the effects in the chart below. (For example, new signs may have been put up to warn drivers about icy roads in winter.)

Cause	Effect
<p><b>Article/Report 1:</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">→</p>	
<p><b>Article/Report 2:</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">→</p>	

3. Read what you wrote together.
4. Bring your chart to school and share it with your class.