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Identifying Cause and Effect

When you read, it's important to understand why certain things happen. Often, one event causes another event to happen. This is called a cause-and-effect relationship. For example:

Tiffany forgot her umbrella. She came home drenched.
 (cause) (effect)

Directions: Complete the chart below by filling in the blank spaces with the correct cause or effect from the play *The Blind Side*.

Cause	Effect
Michael has a poverty-stricken background.	
The Tuohys realize Michael has nowhere to go for Thanksgiving.	
	Michael's grades improve in school.
	Denise starts to cry.
	SJ's injuries in the car accident aren't as bad as they could have been.
Leigh Anne compares the football team to the Tuohy family.	
SJ videotapes Michael playing football.	
The poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade" inspires Michael.	

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