

**Grade 7**

**Due date: Sunday 10,2020**

## **The Big Mess**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the story. Complete the chart below.

Charles was filthy from playing football all day.

“Take off those filthy clothes and put them in the laundry!” his mother said.

Charles did. His clothes were so filthy that there were even little clumps of dirt in the washing machine. Charles shook laundry soap into the machine. I had better put in some extra soap, Charles thought to himself. I want my extra-dirty clothes to get extra-clean! Charles shook in more soap, and then even more soap!

“That ought to do it!” he said. He left the laundry room, and shut the door behind him.

About halfway through the cycle, the washing machine began to rattle. It creaked. It banged. Charles’ mother ran to the laundry room.

“Charles!” she cried. “What did you do to the laundry?”

“Nothing,” Charles said. “I just used some extra soap.”

“Extra soap!” his mother exclaimed, as soap bubbles began to ooze out from underneath the laundry room door. More and more bubbles came, until soon Charles and his mother were up to their knees in bubbles.

“I guess I used too much soap,” Charles said.

“I guess you did!” his mother agreed.

<b>CAUSE</b>	<b>EFFECT</b>
	1. Charles was filthy.
	2. The laundry machine began to rattle.
	3. Charles used extra soap.
	4. Soon Charles and his mother were up to their knees in bubbles.