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Cause-and-Effect Chains

Directions: Fill in this graphic organizer to show cause-and-effect relationships described in the article "Deadly or Delicious?" In each chain of events, read what is provided. Then use the hints to fill in the missing causes and effects.

CHAIN 1

Many of the foods we eat contain ingredients from around the world.

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Hint: How does what's stated above affect our ability to determine the source of food poisoning?

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Hint: How does what you wrote above affect the spread of food poisoning?

CHAIN 2

Hint: What caused the situation written in the next box?

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In 2008, peanut butter and peanut paste produced at the PCA became contaminated by salmonella.

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CHAIN 3

In 2008, the PCA supplied peanut butter and peanut paste contaminated by salmonella to hundreds of companies across the U.S. and Canada.

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The contaminated peanut products were used in many different foods.

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Many people got sick.

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Hint: How did the above fact affect scientists' ability to identify the source of the salmonella outbreak?

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Hint: How did the information you wrote above affect the outbreak?

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CHAIN 4

Stewart Parnell, owner of the PCA, allegedly knew his peanuts were contaminated, but told his employees to sell them anyway.

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The peanut butter in the Keebler peanut butter crackers that Christopher Meunier ate—which came from the PCA—was contaminated with salmonella.

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Hint: What happened to Christopher as a result of the above?

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Hint: How did what happened to Christopher affect his mom? What did she do?

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Hint: What was the effect of what Christopher's mom did?

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Directions: Using chains 1-4 as a model, create your own chain of cause-and-effect relationships in the article. Include at least three boxes in your chain.

CHAIN 5

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