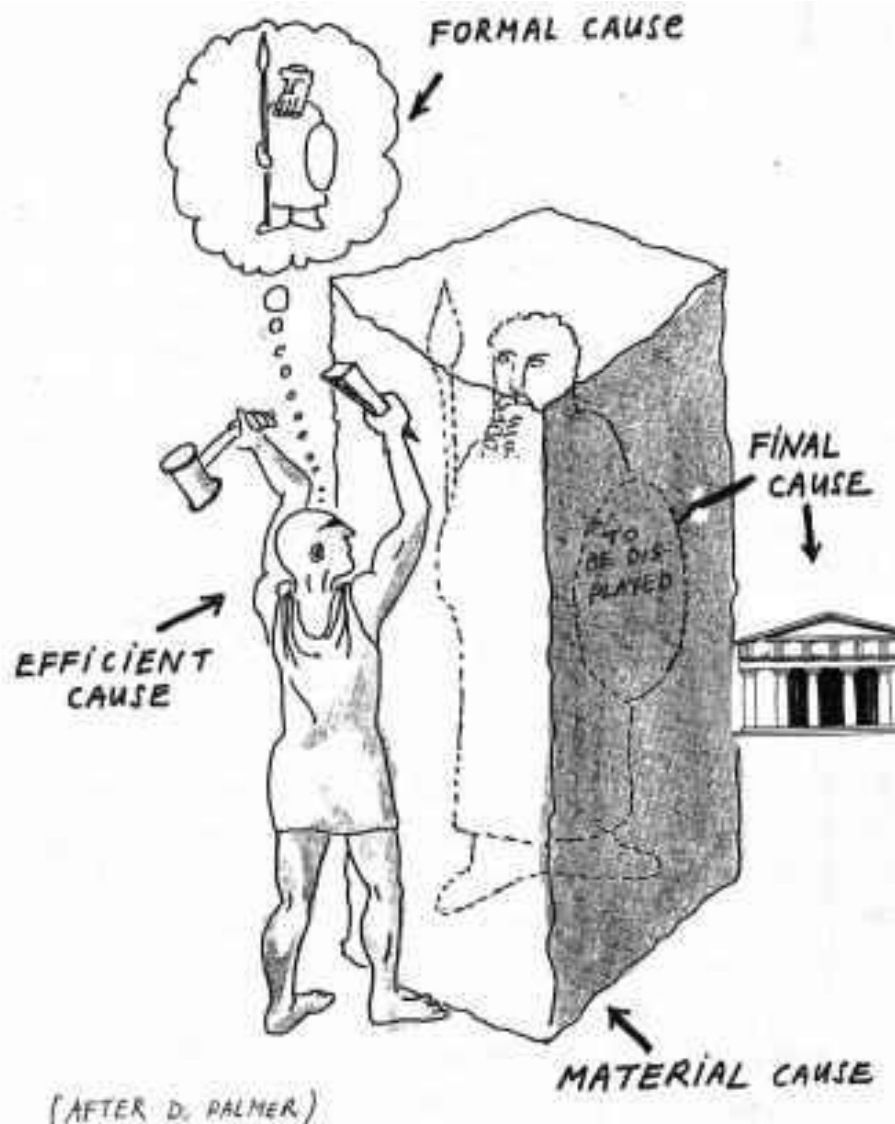


# Causality

Ask yourself, “why?” What caused the thing I’ve noticed in the text?

There are 4 basic types of causes, according to Aristotle...

- 1) **Material.** What is it made of, so to cause this phenomenon?
- 2) **Formal.** What is its form, its shape, its structure?
- 3) **Efficient.** What events happened to bring this about?
- 4) **Teleological.** What larger purpose does it serve?



A simple way to deepen your analysis is to keep asking yourself the elemental question, “Why?”

There are multiple ways to answer to answer this question, and each angle provides more depth to your analysis.