

Causes of Things

Aristotle – Four Causes of Things (A Chair):

1. The formal cause: that of which it is made, its form or essence (chairness).
2. The material cause: that out of which it is made, its material (wood).
3. The efficient cause: that by which it is made, the agent (carpenter).
4. The final cause: that for which it was made, the purpose (to sit in).

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Other Types of Causes:

5. The exemplar cause: that after which it is made, the example (blueprint).
6. The instrumental cause: that through which it is made, the instrument (hammer).

Causes of Things (DNA Molecule):

1. The formal cause: that of which it is made, its form or essence (information).
2. The material cause: that out of which it is made, its material (matter).
3. The efficient cause: that by which it is made, the agent (author).
4. The final cause: that for which it was made, the purpose (life).
5. The exemplar cause: that after which it is made, the example (language).
6. The instrumental cause: that through which it is made, the instrument (nucleotides).