

Topic/Prompt: Should Marijuana Be Legalized???	
Hook:	
Background Information:	
Position Statement: Marijuana should be legalized because it is a herb that is less harmful than alcohol and has many economical benefits.	
Main Idea 1: Firstly, the herb known as marijuana, is less harmful to the human body than alcohol.	Main Idea 2: Second, there are many economical benefits of legalized marijuana.
Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 1: (Textual Evidence) For example, around 88,000 people die each year from alcohol poisoning and there is no evidence of anyone dying from marijuana use. (procon.org, pro 9)	Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2: (Textual Evidence) For example, a few of the major industries that benefit from legal marijuana are tourism, food, banking and transportation. (procon.org, pro 1)
Supportive Sentence for M.I. #1 (Explanation of Textual Evidence)	Supportive Sentence for M.I. # 2 (Explanation of Textual Evidence)
Counterargument (The other side's opinion with evidence)	Rebuttal (Evidence to disprove the other side)

Commented [1]: You included two main ideas, but your second idea is too general; it needs to be specific. Also, you need three main ideas. Your third idea will serve as your rebuttal to your counterargument. Lastly, you need to structure your position statement so that it comes from either the proponents or opponents' viewpoint, depending on which side you take. View the teacher's sample or student learning artifacts for a model.

Commented [2]: Good use of transitions for main ideas and supportive sentences. For both of your main ideas, you need to present them from the perspective of the proponents since this is your stance. See the teacher's model and/or the student learning artifacts for further guidance. Also, you need to specify the economical benefits. The word many is too broad. You can say: ... there are many economical benefits from legalized marijuana such as ...

Commented [3]: Excellent work on selecting your relevant textual evidence. They are supportive to your main ideas.

Commented [4]: You need to explain both of your textual evidence in terms of how they connect back to your main ideas. Remember, all textual evidence has to be explained, which is why this is also requested in your reading lessons. View the teacher's sample for guidance.

Conclusion:	