

<b>Topic/Prompt:</b> Should Marijuana Be Legalized???	
<b>Hook:</b>	
<b>Background Information:</b>	
<b>Position Statement:</b> Marijuana should be legalized because it is a herb that is less harmful than alcohol, has economical benefits for major industries, and the tax revenue helps fund public programs and mental health centers.	
<b>Main Idea 1:</b> Firstly, marijuana is less harmful than alcohol from proponents is stronger than their opponents when it comes to the legalization of marijuana.	<b>Main Idea 2:</b> Secondly, proponents argue that marijuana has economical benefits for major industries, especially tourism and banking.
<b>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 1:</b> <b>(Textual Evidence)</b> For example, alcohol and tobacco have been proven to cause cancer, heart failure, liver damage and more and yet they are both legal. (procon.org, pro 9)	<b>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2:</b> <b>(Textual Evidence)</b> For example, for every \$1.00 spent in the marijuana industry, between \$2.13 and \$2.40 is generated in economic activity.(procon.org, pro 1)
<b>Supportive Sentence for M.I. #1</b> <b>(Explanation of Textual Evidence)</b>  This proves that marijuana is not as harmful to the human body as alcohol and that more people die each year from alcohol use than they do from marijuana use.	<b>Supportive Sentence for M.I. # 2</b> <b>(Explanation of Textual Evidence)</b>  This suggests that major industries like tourism, transportation, food and banking benefit from the legalization of marijuana.
<b>Counterargument</b> <b>(The other side's opinion with evidence)</b>	<b>Rebuttal</b> <b>(Evidence to disprove the other side)</b>

**Commented [1]:** Your position statement needs to be rewritten. Be sure to refer to the teacher's sample to see how it should be formatted i.e. you should be coming from either the proponents or opponents' viewpoint. You can also check out your cohort members' work on the learning artifacts webpage.

**Commented [2]:** You need to present your ideas so that they are balanced. In other words, your third main idea should be presented with the singular verb is/has e.g. helps to fund public programs and mental health centers.

Also, note: Your third idea sounds closely related to another student's idea. See if you can think of another idea for your third main idea.

**Commented [3]:** This part of the statement does not make sense. You have a grammatical error. Revisit your statement.

Also, be sure to use the same format that you used in main idea #2 i.e. ...proponents argue ...

**Commented [4]:** For this example, you need to make a comparison. You're only including evidence from one side i.e. alcohol, but you are comparing marijuana against alcohol. How is marijuana less harmful? Also, why are you including tobacco in your evidence since it is not mentioned in your thesis statement or main idea #1?

**Commented [5]:** In your main idea #2, you mention, "...especially tourism and banking," but there's no evidence to support this claim. Why did you include these two industries specifically?

**Commented [6]:** delete the comma.

<b>Conclusion:</b>	

