Topic/Prompt: Should Recreational Marijuana Be Legal?

Hook:
Why argue over a plant that grows out of the ground?

Background Information: **It is still debated in some states whether to legalize marijuana. States such as Colorado and Washington have already legalized recreational marijuana and have implemented marijuana laws.**

Position Statement:
In this ongoing debate, it is apparent that the proponents argument is much stronger than their opponents because they prove marijuana is less harmful than alcohol or tobacco, provides states funding and reduces public safety.

Main Idea I:	Main Idea 2:
Firstly, the proponents argument is stronger than the opponents because they prove marijuana is less harmful than alcohol or tobacco.	**Secondly, proponents have a stronger argument for legalizing marijuana than their opponents because marijuana provides states funding.**
Supportive Sentence for Main Idea I: **(Textual Evidence)** **Accordingly to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 88,000 people die annually due to excessive alcohol consumption. The effects of alcohol and tobacco are known to cause many cancers and heart failures. There were no reported cases of death from marijuana. (1)**	**Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2:** **(Textual Evidence)** **For example, "Tax revenues in legal marijuana states provide funding to the police, drug treatment and mental health centers, and housing ~~programs, along with~~ school programs ~~such as anti-bullying campaigns, youth mentoring, and public school grants~~." (10)**

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)**
Conclusion:	