

<b>Topic/Prompt:</b> <i>Should Recreational Marijuana Be Legal?</i>	
<b>Hook:</b> <del>Is recreational Marijuana Good or bad for society?</del>	
<b>Background Information:</b>	
<b>Position Statement:</b> Even though proponents and opponents have strong arguments, proponent arguments are stronger <del>and and have valid evidence how legalized marijuana will benefit the country economic and social way, and it is a fact the marijuana is it something that is already on the society, and instead of be fighting against it, the government need control it from inside, and proponents arguments show a clear answer how is the government do it.</del>	
<b>Main Idea 1:</b> <del>Secondly, Firstly, proponents argue that it has a good point when they say crimes will go down when marijuana is legalized -</del>	<b>Main Idea 2:</b> Secondly when proponents affirmed that more people support the legalization of recreational marijuana every day .
<b>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 1: (Textual Evidence)</b> <i>According to the proponents ,Stephen Downing, a retired deputy chief of the Los Angeles Police Department, said, “There’s no question that ending today’s prohibition on drugs — starting with marijuana — would do more to hurt the cartels than any level of law enforcement skill or dedication ever can.”</i>	<b>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2: (Textual Evidence)</b> <i>For example, the public’s support for legalizing marijuana went from 12% in 1969 to 66% today.</i>
<b>Supportive Sentence for M.I. #1 (Explanation of Textual Evidence)</b>	<b>Supportive Sentence for M.I. # 2 (Explanation of Textual Evidence)</b>

**Commented [1]:** The Hook should not be submitted for this lesson.

**Commented [2]:** Good job on you state your position (i.e. whose side you are taking). However, your reasons (main ideas) for taking the proponents' side are not stated. You need three reasons (which are your main ideas). Use the sample below (as a guide) to help you formulate your ideas (reasons).

**Commented [3]:** SAMPLE: In this ongoing debate, it is apparent that the proponents' argument is much stronger than the opponents' argument because they prove that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol or tobacco; it promotes state funding and reduces the concerns centered on public health safety and risks.

**Commented [4]:** Delete this and simply state your three reasons. You already have main idea 1 and 2. You only need one more reason (main idea) that will serve as your rebuttal to your counterargument. You can say:

Even though the proponents and opponents have strong arguments, the proponents' arguments are stronger because they effectively prove that legalizing recreational marijuana decreases crime; is supported by the public and ... (state your last idea here).

**Commented [5]:** Good job on transitioning here. You need to restate your idea. You can say: Proponents affirm that more people support the legalization of recreational marijuana.

Remove: every day. This is not needed.

**Commented [6]:** You need to cite the source for both of your textual evidence. What paragraph did you take this evidence from? See the sample below.

For example, they provide research that shows “medical marijuana dispensaries decrease crime in neighborhoods because of an increase in security presence and more people walking around the area” (ProCon.org, pro 7)

This means that by controlling the market and demand of marijuana in a legal way, ~~there's~~ there will be no space for the black market, because consumers will buy directly from companies who pay taxes and have the required licenses from the government to sell ~~it~~ marijuana. ~~There's~~ As such, there is no reason to expose ~~yourself~~ one's self to buying drugs illegally if it can bought legally. ~~buy the same~~ legally.

This means : Everyday Americans consume more marijuana and they rather to consume from legall way, because they feel safer and the same time is giving more jobs to the society

**Commented [8]:** You need to explain better how your evidence connects to your main idea #2. Here's a suggestion:

This suggests that more people may be engaging in recreational marijuana today since the poll to legalize it has increased by nearly 54%, which clearly supports the proponents' claim.

This is only a suggestion. Please use your own ideas.

**Commented [7]:** Avoid you contractions (e.g. there's) in formal essay writing. You need to write it out e.g. there is.

**Counterargument**  
(The other side's opinion with evidence)

**Rebuttal**  
(Evidence to disprove the other side)

**Conclusion:**