

Topic/Prompt: Should Marijuana Be Legalized???	
Hook:	
Background Information:	
Position Statement: Proponents for legalizing marijuana have clearly stated a better argument than their opponents because they <u>show that marijuana herb</u> has been proven to be less harmful than alcohol and tobacco, has economic a benefits for major industries, and <u>offers the</u> tax revenue <u>that</u> helps fund local and state programs.	
Main Idea 1: Firstly, marijuana has been proven to be less harmful than alcohol and tobacco.	Main Idea 2: Secondly, proponents argue that marijuana has economic a benefits for major industries, especially tourism and banking.
Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 1: (Textual Evidence) For instance, 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)	Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2: (Textual Evidence) 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)
Supportive Sentence for M.I. #1 (Explanation of Textual Evidence) This <u>evidence</u> proves that marijuana is not as harmful to the human body as alcohol or tobacco, and that more people die each year from alcohol use than they do from marijuana use.	Supportive Sentence for M.I. # 2 (Explanation of Textual Evidence) This <u>evidence</u> suggests that major industries like tourism, transportation, food and banking bene f it from the legalization of marijuana.
Counterargument	Rebuttal

(The other side's opinion with evidence)

(Evidence to disprove the other side)

Conclusion: