

<p>Topic/Prompt: Should Marijuana be Legalized?</p>	
<p>Hook:</p>	
<p>Background Information:</p>	
<p>Position Statement: Proponents for legalizing marijuana have a firmer ground than their opponents because they declare how legalizing marijuana can create thousands of job opportunities; lower the crime rate, and decrease the use of marijuana among teens.</p>	
<p>Main Idea 1: Firstly, the proponents have a strong argument because they assert <u>that how</u> legalizing marijuana can produce thousands of job opportunities.</p>	<p>Main Idea 2: Secondly, the proponents have a stronger argument because they contend <u>that how</u> legalizing marijuana can reduce the crime rate.</p>
<p>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 1: (Textual Evidence)</p> <p>For example, they argue that according to Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR),” the cannabis industry in the United States “is expected to produce nearly 300,000 jobs by 2020 and grow to \$24 billion by 2025.” [20]</p>	<p>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2: (Textual Evidence)</p> <p>For instance, they declare that according to Taylor West, former deputy director for the National Cannabis Industry Association, “We’re not seeing any increase in crime rates through marijuana — we’re seeing lower crime rates, and there are good rational reasons for that: We’re really beginning to cripple the criminal market, which is where violence actually occurs.” [71]</p>
<p>Supportive Sentence for M.I. #1 (Explanation of Textual Evidence)</p> <p>This evidence infers that legalizing marijuana can have a significant impact on employment by creating job opportunities for many people. It will also generate revenue to support the economy.</p>	<p>Supportive Sentence for M.I. # 2 (Explanation of Textual Evidence)</p> <p>This evidence explains that the crime rate will decrease as a result of legalizing marijuana. There will be fewer violent crimes, such as assault and battery, homicides, domestic violence, and</p>

robbery. As such, communities will be much safer for the public.

Counterargument
(The other side's opinion with evidence)

Rebuttal
(Evidence to disprove the other side)

Conclusion: