

<b>Topic/Prompt:</b> The author feels like the U.S should legalize marijuana. It could help the economy in certain ways, But others have a different opinion on it. Others feel like it could bring up the crime rates, and more traffic deaths	
<b>Hook:</b> The hook of this story is mainly about legalizing marijuana,	
<b>Background Information:</b> More than half of US adults, over 128 million people, have tried marijuana, despite it being an illegal drug under federal law. Nearly 600,000 Americans are arrested for marijuana possession annually – more than one person per minute.	
<b>Position Statement:</b> Marijuana can help people in many different ways. It can create entrepreneurship which aids in creating jobs. It aids in making it more difficult for under aged children and teens getting access to the drug. <del>This essay explains why marijuana should be legalized.</del>	
<b>Main Idea 1:</b> Firstly,legalizing Marijuana helps in controlling less use of teens consuming the drug.	<b>Main Idea 2:</b> Secondly, The legalization of Marijauna allow more people to invest and become entrepreneurs.
<b>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 1:</b> <b>(Textual Evidence)</b> States,” Marijuana use among 8th graders in Washington state decreased in 2012, from 9.8 percent to 7.3 percent in 2014/2016, 2018 report from RAND Pro 2.	<b>Supportive Sentence for Main Idea 2:</b> <b>(Textual Evidence)</b> The legal marijuana industry generated \$7.2 billion in economic activity in 2016, and added millions of dollars in federal taxes paid by cannabis businesses. Pro 1.
<b>Supportive Sentence for M.I. #1</b> <b>(Explanation of Textual Evidence)</b> This means that the legalization of Marijauna aid in helping This means that the legalization of Marijauanna aid in	<b>Supportive Sentence for M.I. # 2</b> <b>(Explanation of Textual Evidence)</b> This means that the legalization of Marijauanna aid in helping making it more

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**Commented [3]:** These stats will serve for a good hook. You'll want to move this information to the box labeled, "Hook." View the teacher's sample and the video on background information to work on your essay background.

**Commented [4]:** Good, you have two idea, but you'll need a third idea. Also, you need to clearly state your position on the issue. Whose side are you on i.e. the proponents or opponents? You'll need to view the teacher's sample to improve the organization of your position statement. It should consists of only one sentence.

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**Commented [6]:** Good, but you'll want to present this information from the proponents' viewpoint. You can say: Firstly, proponents believe that the legalization of marijuana will result in a decline among teen consumers.

**Commented [7]:** Very good transition. However, you need to reword your idea so that it is coming from the proponents' viewpoint. You can say: The proponents argue that the legalization... entrepreneurs. Also, change allow to allows (Subject/verb agreement is applicable here).

**Commented [8]:** Very good supportive textual evidence, but you'll need to transition here. You can say: For example, They claim, "Marijuana use...2014/2016" (RAND, 2018, Pro 2)

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<p>helping making it more difficult for under age youth and teens to have access to the drug.</p>	<p>difficult for under age youth and teens to have access to the drug.</p>
<p><b>Counterargument</b>  <b>(The other side's opinion with evidence)</b> Proponents believe legalization of marijuana does more harm than good. They think that it will cost more than it takes to generate. They assert, "Annual societal costs from alcohol (\$223.5 billion) and tobacco (\$193 billion) far exceed the \$24 billion in tax revenues they raise. [128][128][131][172] Money raised from legal marijuana taxes generally accounts for less than 1% of a state's tax revenue.</p>	<p><b>Rebuttal</b>  <b>(Evidence to disprove the other side)</b> Proponents believe the legalization of marijuana will do more harm than good. It is proven that legalizing marijuana helps, with aiding in making it harder for under aged children and teens to not have access to the drug. It allows people to become entrepreneurs and help in creating more jobs and lowering the unemployment rate.</p>
<p><b>Conclusion:</b> In Summary: Proponents for and against the legalization of marijuana have valid arguments. The fact remains that the legalization of marijuana has been proven to keep under aged children and teens from having easy access to the drug. It helps to create entrepreneurship, jobs and lowers the percentage of unemployment.</p>	

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