**Marijuana’s Federal Ban**

Name:

**Warm- Up: Background**

Marijuana is considered a schedule 1 drug by the Federal Government. This is strange to some people because a schedule one drug is…

*Schedule I drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. Some examples of Schedule I drugs are*

1. Under the definition, do you think marijuana should be considered a schedule 1 drug? Explain your opinion.
2. If research shows that marijuana has medical benefits and isn’t considered highly addictive, why do you think marijuana is in this category with heroin, *lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), and ecstasy*. Explain your opinion.

**Is the federal ban on Marijuana Racially Motivated?**

Some say, the federal ban on marijuana is racially motivated. There are several websites that discuss this concept (The history channel has an easy one to read). Use a LEGIT site (Not wiki or a blog). Do a bit of research to address the following.

1. Briefly explain the arguments supporting that the federal ban on marijuana is racial motivated.
2. Based on what you read, do YOU think the federal ban on marijuana is racially motivated? Or do you think it is a bunch of made-up stuff. Support your opinion with details.

**To Legalize or Not to Legalize**

Many argue that the government should legalize marijuana. Other’s say it should remain banned. Give five pros and five cons to legalizing marijuana. LIST YOUR SOURCES.

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| **Legalizing Marijuana** | | |
| **Pros** |  | **Sources** |
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| **Cons** |  | **Sources** |
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**You’re Opinion**

Most of you are either old enough to vote in the next election or will be of age soon. If Pennsylvania allows the voters to decide if the state should legalize the recreational use of marijuana, how would you vote

**VOTE YES OPTION:** If you vote YES. Make sure you explain why. Would you put limitations on the law? For example, you must be 21 and you cannot sell it without a license.

**VOTE NO OPTION:** If you Vote No. Make sure you explain why

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