

LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA ACTIVITY

1. Do Value Line on the legalization of marijuana.
2. Give Fact Scenario A to those students against legalization of marijuana.
3. Give Fact Scenario B to those students for the legalization of marijuana.

FACT SCENARIO A

Bill has cancer. The chemotherapy makes him ill. He loses hair, color, and energy. He also loses his appetite and, consequently, weight. His doctor tells him that gaining weight and eating better will improve the odds that the chemotherapy will be successful. Bill's post-hippie brother-in-law (nicknamed Bug) tells him that smoking pot will increase his appetite and that there are no other side-effects aside from mild euphoria. Bug tells him he grows small amounts of his own and would share with Bill if he liked. Bill does so. Every time he is on chemotherapy, he monitors his eating and if it falls below the recommended quantity, he smokes some weed and subsequently gets the "munchies" and is able to meet the recommended guidelines for food consumption.

Two months later, Bill is randomly selected for drug testing at his place of employment, Joe's Copy Cottage, and tests positive. Since marijuana is an illegal substance, Bill was fired.

FACT SCENARIO B

Oswald is the child of wealthy parents, entertainment lawyers in Hollywood, and, though over 18, still lives in their house. He is a "trust fund baby," so he doesn't work; he only collects his monthly disbursement and parties. He smokes a lot of pot. He smokes it almost every minute of the day. Sometimes he goes out of town with friends and goes on extended binges smoking pot and doing other drugs as he comes upon them. Sometimes on these binges, he spends all of his monthly disbursement before the end of the month. To remedy a lack of money, he sometimes "ganks" car stereos and sells them in order to keep the party going. One day, while out of his home state and partying, he was on the street looking for property to steal. While casing a line of cars, a policeman sees him and stops him to question him about some assaults that had recently occurred in the neighborhood.

Oswald consents to a search, and marijuana is found on his person. He is arrested for possession.