Marijuana & The Body
Research and Reflection Paper

Objective:
Often individuals believe marijuana is harmless. However, in addition to legal and social consequences there are significant health consequences to marijuana use. The purpose of this paper is to assist the student in critically examining the risk factors of continued marijuana use.

Paper Content:
Please address each of the following issues for your paper:

1. What parts of the body are affected by marijuana use?
2. What are the short-term affects of marijuana use?
3. What are the long-term affects of marijuana use?
4. How does continued marijuana use affect daily life?
5. How does marijuana use affect academic success?
6. Have you personally been affected by these consequences of marijuana use?
7. How do you feel this information will impact your behavior?
8. Prior to reviewing this information what was your stance on marijuana use?
9. Has your stance on marijuana use changed? If so, how?

Suggested Resources:

Information on how marijuana affects the body:
http://health.howstuffworks.com/marijuana.htm
http://www.nida.nih.gov/ResearchReports/Marijuana/Marijuana3.html#hippo
http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/mari.html

Brain scans of marijuana and other drug users:

General information about marijuana use:
http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/concern/marijuana.html
http://www.justthinktwice.com/stumbleweed/home.html

This paper is to be _____ pages long. The paper is expected to meet the academic standards of Eastern Washington University for grammar, style and quality of research/reflection.
• Your paper must have a cover page stating your name, student identification number, and the date submitted to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
• Your paper must be a minimum of _____ typed pages (not including the cover page.) It must be double-spaced with a font size of 12 pt. and the font style must be Times. Your margins should be 1” on top, bottom, left, and right sides.
• Your paper must be free of grammatical and typing errors.