

## Drug Debate Guidelines

Design a PowerPoint presentation that clearly states the pro and cons of your chosen drug. Please make sure that you answer each bullet clearly and in depth. Please only use reliable internet sources such as URLs that end in .gov, .org, .edu or Google Scholar.

1. Choose a substance/drug
  - a. Hallucinogen – Rickee (pro) & Sophie (con)
  - b. Stimulant
  - c. Depressant
  - d. Ecstasy (MDMA)
  - e. Marijuana – Sean (pro) & Taelor/Zekiah (con)
  - f. Alcohol – Miranda, Kellin, & Noah
  - g. Nicotine
  - h. Inhalants – Robbie (pro)
  - i. Narcotics – Niomi (pro)
  - j. Steroids – Manuel (pro) & Amaya (con)
  - k. Sedative Hypnotics
2. Criteria
  - a. Define the substance
  - b. Where is it derived from?
  - c. How is it created?
  - d. **Main method** of absorption/transportation
3. Level of addiction
4. Short-Term Effects:
  - a. Positive & negative
  - b. How long does it take to be absorbed & begin to feel effects?
5. Long-Term Effects:
  - a. Illnesses, cancer, immediate death, no long-term effects, etc.?
  - b. Tolerance, withdrawal, dependence, etc.
6. Signs & symptoms
  - a. External appearance/effects – facial changes, weight loss/gain
  - b. internal appearance/effects – what happens to your internal organs (heart, lungs, liver, etc.)
7. Treatments
  - a. Methods of coping
  - b. Possibility of recovery?
  - c. Recovery rates in D.C.?
8. What can you do to minimize drug abuse within your school?
9. How can your specific drug affect your relationships with your friends, family, and co-workers?
10. Has drug addiction been increasing or decreasing over the years?

Your grade will be based upon validity, specificity, and grammar. It will be out of 100 points and each student will be graded individually on their presentation and effort. Each student must anonymously grade themselves and their groupmates on the overall project. These scores must be emailed to me at [kdeguzman@latinpcs.org](mailto:kdeguzman@latinpcs.org) along with your PowerPoint presentations.

**Please keep your PowerPoints professional and appropriate for school.**