

U.S. Marijuana Laws by State

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Legend

- Medical marijuana broadly legalized
- Marijuana legalized for medical and recreational use
- No broad laws legalizing marijuana

United States
250 Miles
Scale
0 250 Kilometers

Alaska
400 Miles
Scale
0 400 Kilometers

Hawai'i
200 Miles
Scale
0 200 Kilometers

Choose a color to represent states where medical marijuana is broadly legalized, one for states where marijuana is legalized for medical and recreational use, and one for states with no broad laws legalizing marijuana. Using the internet and the library, research the marijuana laws in each state and color the map and legend accordingly. In the space below, explain why you agree or disagree with the marijuana laws in your state.



Timeline

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Match the year to the correct description. Check your answers with page 7 of the book.

1	2018
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Eight U.S. states legalize medical marijuana.

2	2737 BC
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Samuel R. Caldwell becomes one of the first people in the United States to be convicted of selling marijuana.

3	1937
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Chinese emperor Shen Nung documents the use of cannabis as a medical drug.

4	1545
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Dronabinol, a synthetic form of a chemical found in marijuana, is approved for the treatment of nausea and vomiting in U.S. cancer patients.

5	2000s
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Spaniards introduce cannabis to the Americas when they import it to Chile.

6	1985
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Canada fully legalizes recreational marijuana. It is the second country to do so.



Facing the Issues

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People have many different opinions about legalizing marijuana. Using information found in the book and online, briefly identify and explain the arguments used in favor of and against legalizing marijuana.

State which opinion you agree with and why.



True or False

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Using the information in *Legalizing Marijuana*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1	In U.S. states where marijuana is legal, marijuana dispensaries provide medical marijuana to the public.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 2	The United States has the lowest incarceration rate in the world	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 3	Medical marijuana cannot ease side effects of chemotherapy and symptoms of epilepsy.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 4	Research shows that most high school students who use illegal drugs tried marijuana first.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>
Statement 5	The CDA prevents marijuana growers from spraying plants with certain dangerous chemicals.	<input type="checkbox"/> True <input type="checkbox"/> False	Page Number	<input type="text"/>



Using the information in *Legalizing Marijuana*, select an answer from the right and write the letter in the box beside the statement.

1. More than this many people died from opioid overdose in 2017.

A. 40

2. Each year, more than this many Americans are arrested for using or possessing marijuana.

B. 40 billion

3. More than this percentage of U.S. teenagers have tried marijuana at least once.

C. 49,000

4. Nearly this many people are injured in auto accidents in the United States each year.

D. 2,000

5. A 2014 study found that opioid overdose deaths fell by this percentage in states with legal medical marijuana.

E. 2.4 million

6. In the United States, more than this many people die of alcohol poisoning each year.

F. 25

7. Experts estimate that the marijuana industry generates up to this many dollars per year in the United States.

G. 800,000



Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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KEY WORDS

addicted
chemotherapy
correlation
edibles
inmates
IQ test

minors
nicotine
opioids
prescribe
recreational
regulate



- a relationship between one thing and another
- a test that measures a person's level of intelligence
- natural or synthetic drugs derived from the opium poppy plant
- to recommend a treatment or medication to someone who is sick
- to control or maintain
- things that can be eaten
- people under the age of official adulthood and legal responsibility
- done for fun and enjoyment
- a toxic and addictive drug that is found in tobacco
- having a physical need to use a drug regularly
- people who are confined to a prison
- the use of chemical substances to kill cancer cells



Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these questions.

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1

How many chemicals does the cannabis plant contain?

2

What are two of the main chemical compounds in marijuana?

3

Which symptoms can marijuana help cancer patients with?

4

Which federal agency must approve the use of all drugs in the United States?

5

How much is the U.S. marijuana industry worth?

6

Which were the first two U.S. states to legalize recreational marijuana?

7

What are some extremely harmful recreational drugs?

8

What are some examples of possible gateway drugs?



Quiz Answer Key

Compare your quiz answers with the answer key below.

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- 1** More than 400
- 2** THC and CBD
- 3** Nausea and loss of appetite
- 4** U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- 5** About \$40 billion a year
- 6** Colorado and Washington
- 7** Cocaine, crystal meth, and heroin
- 8** Alcohol, nicotine, and marijuana

