Research Paper - Psychoactive Substance

**Length: 6-8 pages maximum of content written in APA Style**

Each student will pick a psychoactive substance that they would like to complete for this assignment. Please conduct a research on the substance you have chosen and address the following:

* 1. Name of the substance you have chosen to conduct the research for this assignment. MARIJUANA
  2. Provide a brief history, clinical name, street names, drug class (depressant, stimulant, hallucinogens, or others), and the DEA controlled substance schedule (if applicable).
  3. Where the substance comes from/how it is made.
  4. How is it used? (Methods of administration and forms of the substance)
  5. The population(s) that uses this substance. How is it marketed, and why?
  6. Describe the physiological, psychological, and behavioral effects of the substance.
     + Short-term and long-term effects.
     + Signs and symptoms of intoxication.
     + Signs and symptoms of overdose, if applicable.
     + Signs and symptoms of withdrawal, if applicable.
  7. Explain the prevention, treatment, and recovery process of this substance.
     + The prevention approach(es).
     + The types and methods of treatment available for this substance.

I highly recommend using this outline to guide your work.

Students will use **at least 6 references** for this assignment.

Please use credible sources for your references. Wikipedia is not an appropriate resource for this paper; be sure to critically examine your resources. Students are strongly encouraged to use the [Learning LabLinks to an external site.](https://www.lwtech.edu/campus-life/learning-lab/) and [Library ServicesLinks to an external site.](https://www.lwtech.edu/campus-life/library/faq/) for support for conducting research and writing an academic paper.

**In-text citations are required in corresponding to the references used in the assignment. This is a formal research paper. Please do not use contractions for academic writing.**

**References and citation requirements**

All citations must follow the APA Publication Manual (7th edition). APA may be different from other systems you have used, so follow the APA Style citation guidelines carefully.

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I look forward to reading your work!