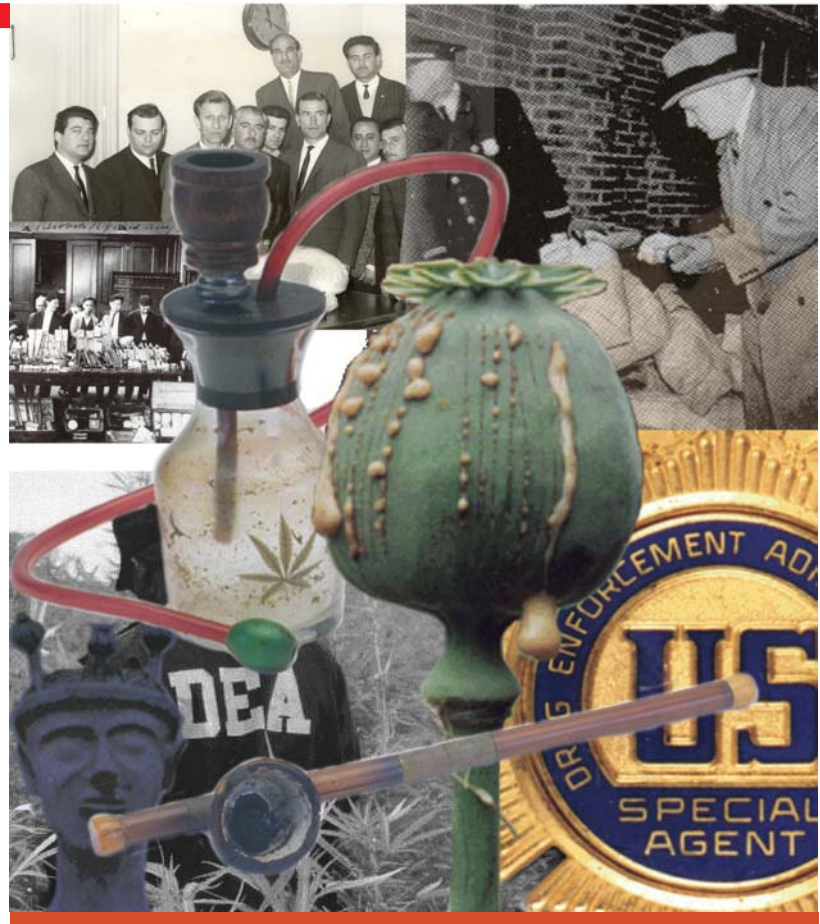


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Illegal Drugs In America

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Teacher's Guide



This worksheet will provide the opportunity to maximize your visit to the DEA Museum. A list of highlights are presented in question form to promote a clear understanding of the message in the Illegal Drugs in America exhibit.

1. Name the seven categories regulated by the Controlled Substance Act. Can you give an example of each?

- Cannabis - marijuana
- Depressants - XTC
- Hallucinogens - LSD
- Inhalants - glue
- Narcotics - heroin
- Anabolic Steroids - Depo testosterone
- Stimulants - cocaine

2. Which drug became so profitable in the 1800's that a war was fought to keep its sale legal?
Opium

3. Opium was first used as a recreational drug and as a medicine. Can you name some early medicines containing opium that were sold over-the-counter?

- Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup
- Kopps Baby's Friend
- Bayer Heroin

4. Why do you think it was necessary to write drug laws? Who said, "The opium and morphine habits have become a National curse while cocaine is really more appalling in its effects than any other habit-forming drug"?

When drug addiction became a severe problem, lawmakers realized that it was necessary to control these substances to minimize further abuse. In 1920, Dr. Hamilton Wright, an Opium Commissioner acknowledged the drug abuse as a severe problem.

5. Name several of the agencies who enforced the early drug laws.

- Treasury Department
- Internal Revenue Service
- Bureau of Narcotics

6. How was drug use popularized in the 1960s and 1970s? Who said, “Turn on, tune in, and drop out”?

Many literary writers, poets and recording celebrities of the day wrote or sang about drugs being “hip” which encouraged an entire generation to see drug use as being normal.

Timothy Leary advocated drug use.

7. Can you name some celebrities or public figures who have died from a drug overdose?

Janis Joplin - singer

Jimmy Hendrix - singer

Jim Belushi - comedian

Chris Farley - comedian

8. The Vietnam War exposed thousands of American soldiers to daily drug use. Name the drug that was developed as a treatment. Methadone

9. In 1970, President Richard Nixon combined 50 separate pieces of drug legislation with the Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act. In 1973 he combined several antidrug agencies into one super agency, The Drug Enforcement Administration. What impact do you think this consolidation had on enforcing drug laws? By concentrating all of the enforcement efforts under one command, resources could be more efficiently allocated to fight the war on drugs. Reducing the competition among the existing agencies would have a positive effect on the end result.

10. What drug was called the “Champagne of Drugs”? Cocaine

11. Who was one of the biggest cocaine cartel leaders in Colombia, South America?

Pablo Escobar had the largest scale cocaine business headquartered in Medellin, Colombia.

12. Who was the DEA Agent who was kidnapped, tortured and murdered while working in Mexico? Enrique “Kiki” Camarena

13. What drug do you think is the most dangerous and why?



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