



Drugs, the Brain, and Behavior WebQuest

- Watch the “**Keep Our Brain Healthy**” PSA (<https://youtu.be/sfM53C4Vw48>). What is your initial reaction to this 30 second video highlighting addiction and the brain changing with drug use?

Create a tag line or phrase to summarize this PSA.

- Go to the National Institute of Health’s **Commonly Abused Drugs Charts** (<https://www.drugabuse.gov/drugs-abuse/commonly-abused-drugs-charts>). Select one commonly abused drug and answer the following:

Describe the drug and provide an interesting fact.

How is this drug taken? When taken, how does it affect the brain and body?

List effects of this drug when taken in combination with alcohol or other drugs.

Create a warning label for this drug.

Go to

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/understanding-drug-use-addiction>. Give an

explanation to the following statement:

“Drug addiction is a complex disease and quitting usually takes more than good intentions or a strong will.”



- Research and list below why some people choose to use drugs.
<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugs-brains-behavior-science-addiction/drug-misuse-addiction>
- Define **Substance Use Disorder**.
- Explain how drugs change the way the brain works, making it difficult to stop using.
- Are you at risk? Go to <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/understanding-drug-use-addiction>. See Biology, Environment, and Development. What increases or influences risk for addiction?

