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**Writing Situation**:

According the most recent research, about 23 percent of all adults are smokers. This fact seems dwarfed when presented with the knowledge that 30 percent of adolescents use some sort of tobacco. In fact, statistics show that the average age for first using tobacco is 13. This means that the majority of all tobacco users started when they were a teenager. The effects of smoking are common and dangerous, but what most people don't realize, secondhand and thirdhand smoking is just as bad. Cigarette smoke contains around 4,800 chemicals, 69 of those can cause cancer. As a result, the effects of using tobacco are wide and varied but all of them are dangerous to every user's health.

**Writing Assignment**:

 Analyze the articles presented to you to defend your anti-tobacco stance. In a five paragraph essay, explain why you are anti-tobacco and include facts, scenarios and explanations from the provided sources to support your opinion. In addition to your research, consider including information constructed while completing your anti-tobacco advertisements.

\*\*Hint: Develop your reasons in relation to T.H.E.M.E.S.

 T-Time

 H- Health

 E- Education

 M - Money

 E - Environment

 S - Safety

**Gather information from the following places**:

*Articles:*

<http://kidshealth.org/teen/cancer_center/q_a/smoking.html>

 Teens Health - Smoking

<http://kidshealth.org/teen/cancer_center/q_a/secondhand_smoke.html>

 Teens Health – Second Hand Smoke

*Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_56BQmY_e8>*