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Facts about Smoking

Go to the following link to find the answers to questions 1-5:

Link # 1: <http://www.lungusa.org/site/pp.asp?c=dvLUK9O0E&b=39871>

To avoid typing in the link, go to <http://smithclassroom.tripod.com>, go to Anatomy, and then “Agenda and Homework” to find the links.

1. One-third of all smokers had their first cigarette by the age of _____.
2. _____ of all smokers begin before the age of 21.
3. Although cigarette smoking rates among high school students increased from 27.5 percent in 1991 to 36.4 percent in 1997, they _____ significantly to 23.0 percent in 2005.
4. Tobacco use in adolescence is also associated with a range of other risky, health-compromising behaviors, including being involved in _____, carrying _____, engaging in high-risk _____, and using _____ and other drugs.
5. People who begin smoking at _____ are more likely to develop severe levels of nicotine addiction than those who start at a later age.

Go to the following link to find the answers to questions 6-9 :

Link # 2: http://www.kidshealth.org/teen/drug_alcohol/tobacco/smoking.html

6. List two reasons mentioned in the article why some teens start smoking.

7. Generally, what is the body’s reaction to first-time smoking?

8. Each time a smoker lights up, that single cigarette takes about _____ off the person's life.
9. Besides wrinkles and yellow teeth, what else can smoking lead to?

More people die of lung cancer than any other type of cancer. Cigarette smoking causes 87% of all lung cancer deaths. Perform a search of your own on the Internet to find out the number of men & women in the United States that died of lung cancer in 2006, 2007, and 2008. Was there an increase or decrease?

Compare your findings from above to some statistics about Europe and their lung cancer death rates. Be sure to take total population size into account.