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Burning Questions

Directions: Read the article “Clearing the Air” (page 18). Then answer the questions below.

1. What do you think is the worst risk or side effect of occasional smoking? Why?

2. People who don't smoke every day may mistakenly assume that they're not at a great risk for the health problems that heavy smokers face. What would you say to convince an occasional smoker that his or her habit is dangerous?

3. The article notes that a new law gives the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)—the agency that oversees medicines, medical products, and much of the country's food supply—authority over tobacco products. Find out more, through research, about laws that govern tobacco sale and use. Do you think the FDA should be in charge of regulating tobacco? Should the agency ban tobacco products altogether, leave them alone, or come up with a solution that falls in between? Explain your reasoning.
