# Tar Wars





A tobacco-free education program for kids from the American Academy of Family Physicians

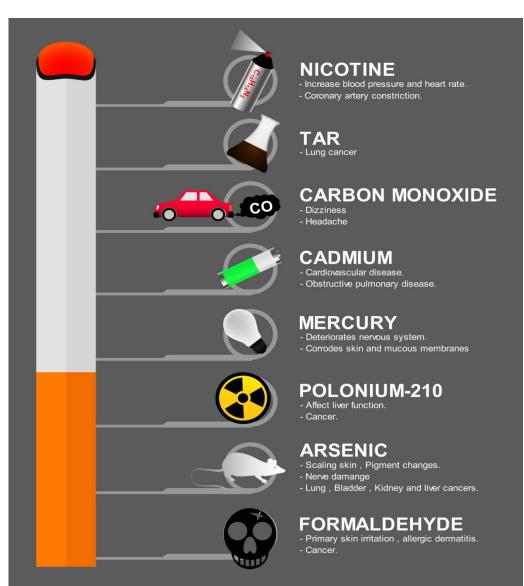
### What is Tar Wars?

- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) tobacco-free education program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
- An interactive and fun way to learn about staying healthy



Ethan—North Carolina 2004 Tar Wars Poster Contest

## What's in a cigarette?



#### Cigarettes contain:

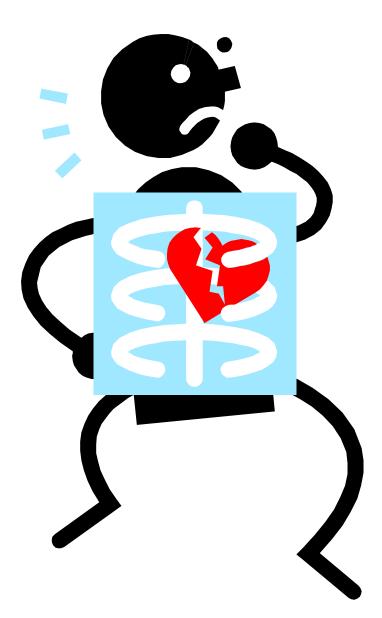
- Nicotine
  - increases blood pressure and heart rate
- Carbon monoxide
  - causes dizziness and headache
- Mercury
  - corrodes skin and mucous membranes
- Arsenic
  - damages nerves and causes cancer



### Effects of Tobacco Use

What are some health effects of tobacco use?

- Trouble breathing
- Over 13 different types of cancer
- Coughing and bad breath
- Stained teeth and fingers
- More wrinkles and early aging



### How much does tobacco use cost?

#### **Price of tobacco**

- \$7 per pack x 7 days = **\$49**
- \$49 per week x 4 weeks = **\$196**
- \$196 per month x 12 months = \$2,352
- \$2,352 per year x 10 years = **\$23,520**



Clothes, shoes, concert tickets, a new phone, a gaming system

Can you think of anything else you could buy instead?



## Smoking Affects Breathing

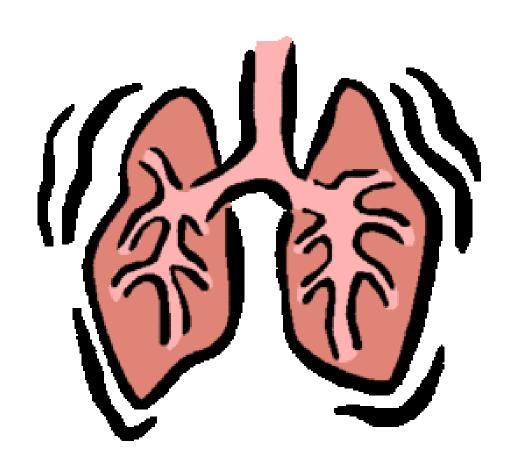
Any type of smoking affects your breathing.

To see how your lungs feel when you smoke, place a straw in your mouth, hold your nose, breathe only through the straw, and run in place for one minute.

Is it hard to breathe?

Watch the smoker's lung demonstration video to see how tobacco causes your lungs to not work as well as they should.

### Lung Damage from Smoke



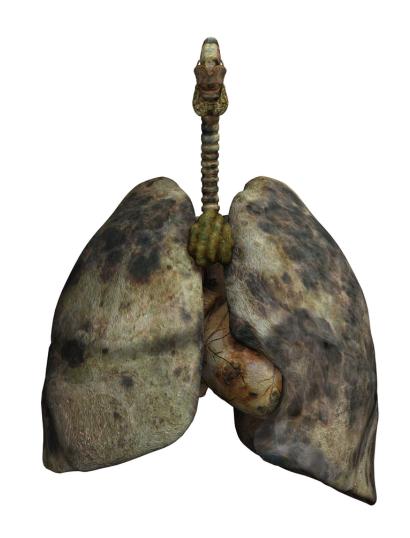
- Smoke from cigars, cigarillos, cigarettes, pipes, and hookahs damage the cells of the lungs.
- People who smoke are more likely to have trouble breathing.
- People exposed to secondhand smoke also have lung problems.

### Smoking and Your Lungs

**Healthy Lung** 







#### **Smokeless Flavored Tobacco**

- Comes in sweet and fruity flavors to mask the taste of nicotine
- Available in orbs, sticks, strips, lozenges, snuff, and small bags/cans
- Designed to be placed in the mouth to dissolve so nicotine is absorbed into the bloodstream
- Snuff is inhaled through the nose or placed in the mouth

Smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to cigarettes.

#### **Smokeless Tobacco**

- Comes in sweet and fruity flavors which appeals to kids, and in different forms
  - Orbs, sticks, strips, lozenges, snuff, and small bags/cans
- Is absorbed through the mouth
- Contains nicotine and causes addiction
- Can cause
  - Gum disease
  - Yellow teeth
  - Mouth, throat and pancreatic cancer



This baseball player had part of his jaw removed after getting mouth cancer from using smokeless tobacco







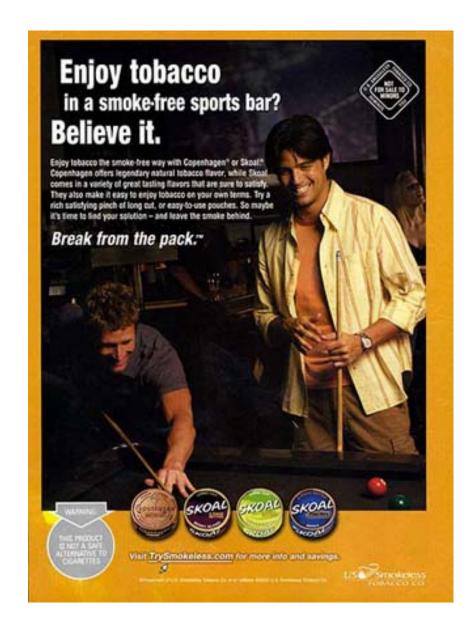
### Can you spot the tobacco products?

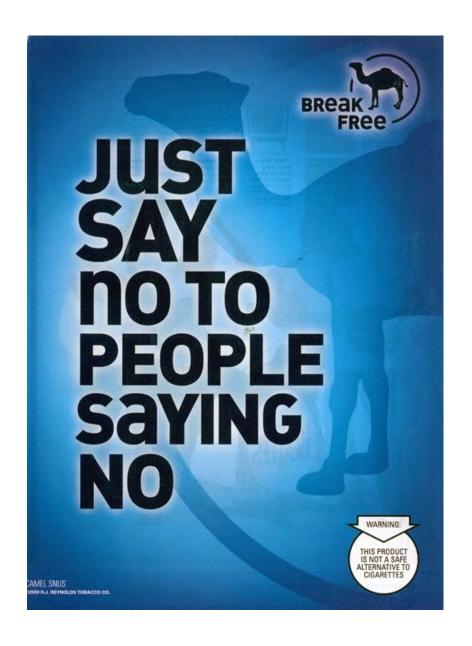




Tobacco companies intentionally make tobacco products look like candy to appeal to kids

#### Smokeless tobacco is advertised as an alternative to cigarettes





## Flavored Cigars and Cigarillos

- Cigars and cigarillos sometimes come in fruity and candy flavors.
- Tobacco companies make these flavors to attract kids to smoke.
- Tobacco companies want to recruit kids to smoke so they can keep selling their products.



Image courtesy of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

### Flavored Cigars and Cigarillos

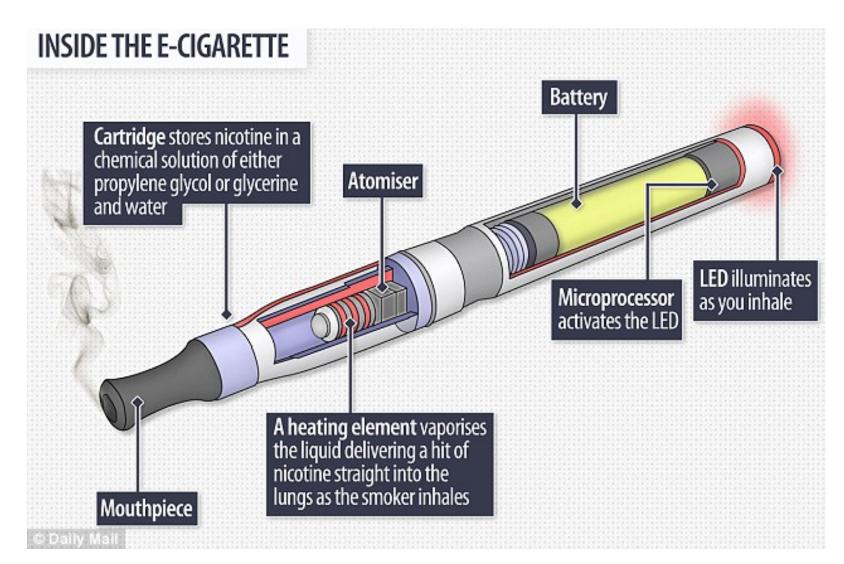
- Cigar smoking can increase the risk of cancer
  - Lung
  - Voice box
  - Lips
  - Tongue
  - Mouth
  - Throat



Cigar smoking is also linked to gum disease and tooth loss

### Electronic Cigarettes (E-Cigs) and Vaping

- E-cigarettes are battery powered products that vaporize liquid nicotine or "juice"
  - Nicotine in e-cigs is very addictive, just like cigarettes
  - The liquid has dangerous, cancer causing chemicals also found in cigarettes
- E-cigarettes create a vapor from the addictive liquid
  - This is NOT water vapor and is bad for your health
- E-cigs are bad for your health. They can cause many things, including
  - Lung damage, making it harder to breathe
  - Nicotine addiction



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#### Manufacturers sell their products by:

- Using celebrities to pitch their products
- Sponsoring sports and music festivals
- Showing attractive people using the product
- Using cartoons and flavorings that are sweet and appealing
- Telling their audience to switch to e-cigs, instead of quitting tobacco use



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E-cigs are not a safe alternative to cigarettes.

#### Both ads show rugged men using tobacco/nicotine

Ad for blu Electronic Cigarettes



Ad for Marlboro Cigarettes

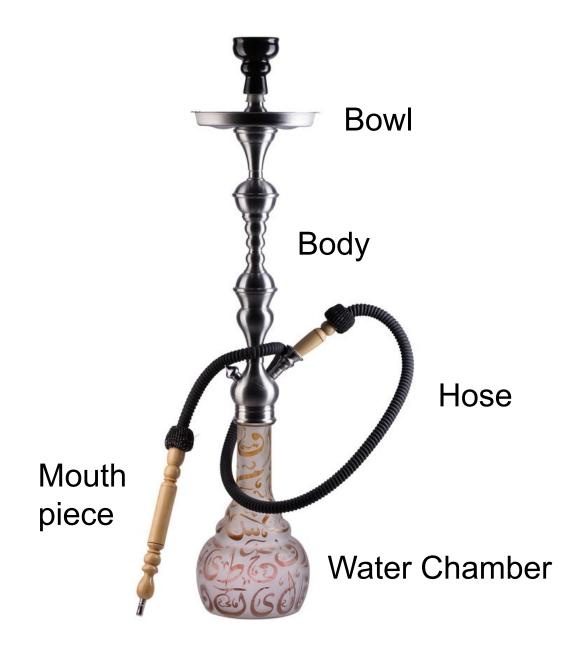


### JUUL®

- JUUL® is brand of e-cig or vape
- JUULs® contain nicotine and are just as addictive as cigarettes
  - Nicotine is in the cartridges, which come in flavors to appeal to kids
- Youth who use JUULs® are more likely to use cigarettes later in life
- JUULs® are not safe alternatives they are still very addictive and bad for your health



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### Hookahs

- A hookah is a water pipe used to smoke tobacco.
- The heated tobacco passes through a water bowl, and the smoke is inhaled through a mouthpiece.

### Hookahs

#### Hookah smokers:

- Inhale large amounts of smoke (100-200 times the amount of smoke found in a cigarette).
- Are exposed to many toxic substances and more nicotine than cigarette smokers.
- Incur many of the same health risks as those who use cigarettes.
- Share mouthpieces and risk getting colds, the flu, and other illnesses.

## The Power of Advertising

- Tobacco companies spend billions of dollars each year to promote their products.
- Tobacco ads are designed to attract a wide variety of people to motivate them to buy and use the products.
- People who use tobacco are shown as young, attractive, and cool, but the ads never show the brown teeth, wrinkles, spit stains, and phlegm that result from its use.

## Both ads show glamorous women using tobacco/nicotine

Ad for blu Electronic Cigarettes



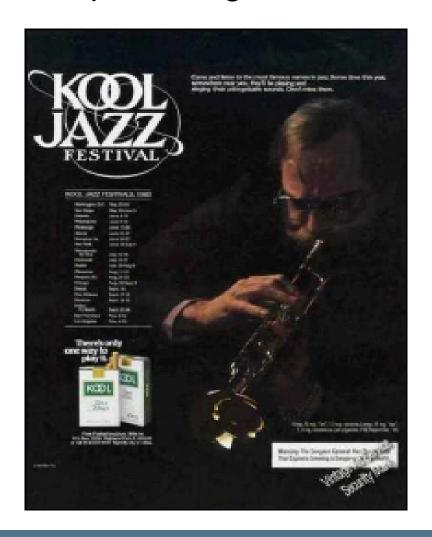
Ad for Virginia Slim Cigarettes



#### Music Festivals Associated With Tobacco Products

blu E-cigarettes and Kool Cigarettes Sponsoring Music Festivals

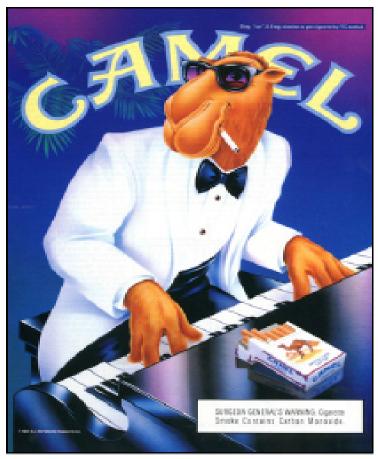




#### Cartoon Characters Using Tobacco Products

blu E-cigarettes and Camel Cigarettes Using Cartoons to Sell Their Products

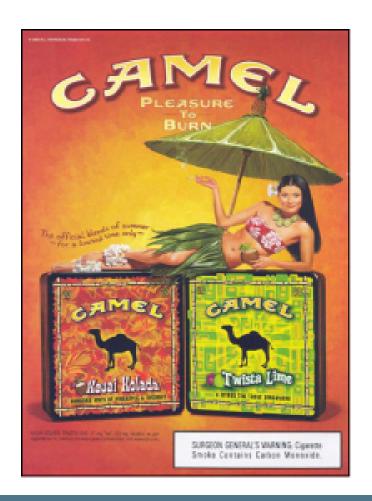




#### Flavored Products

Flavored blu E-cigarettes and Camel Cigarettes
Flavoring is used to mask the taste of tobacco and to appeal to youth.





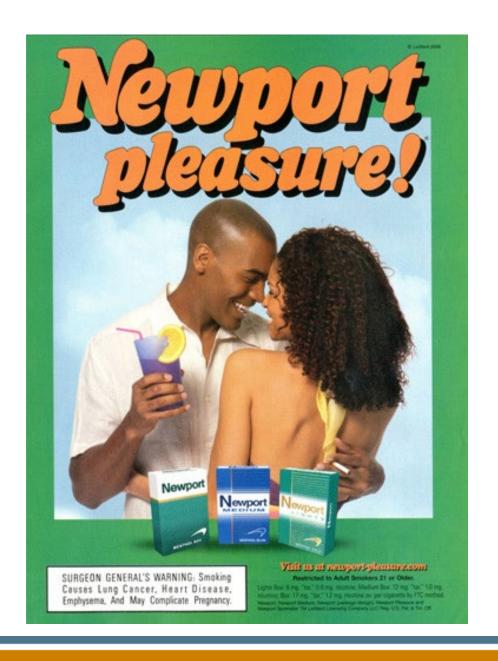
#### **Marketing Tactics**

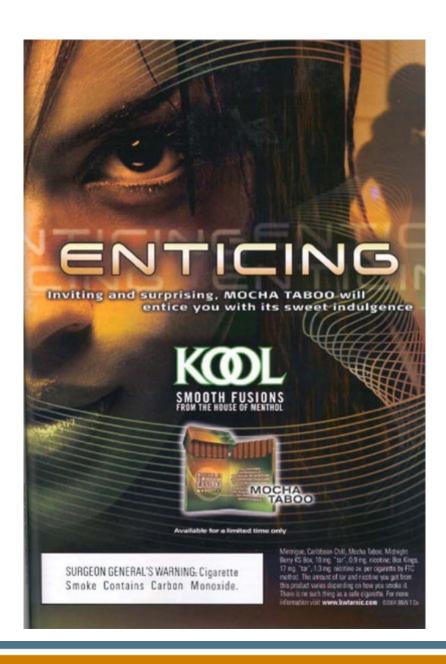
Ad from 1964

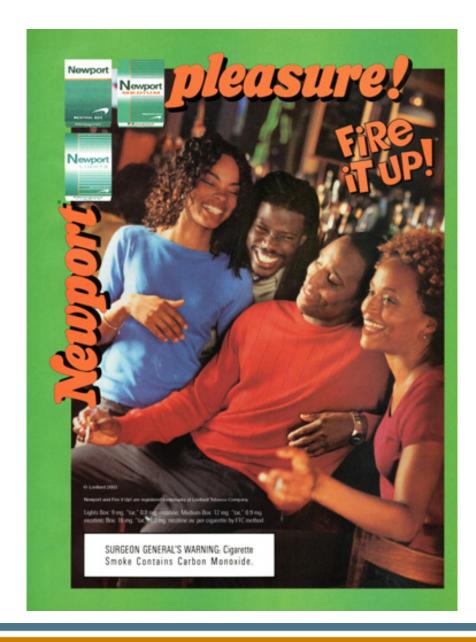
Ad from 2013



#### Ads use attractive people to show smoking is cool and fun.







# Ads use Latino models and Spanish language text to entice young people to smoke.



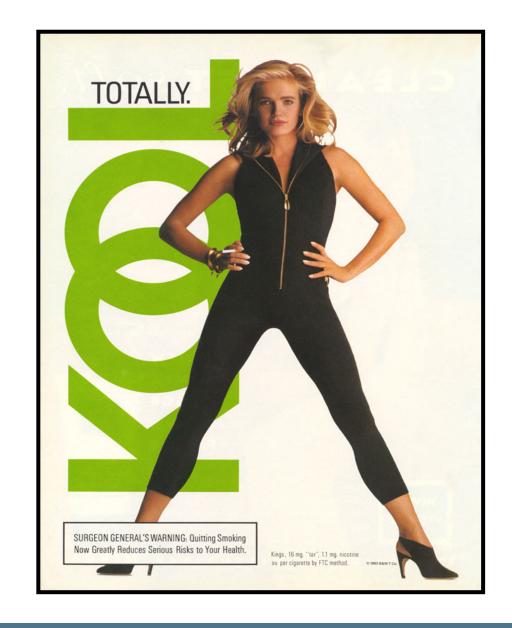
### Secondhand Smoke

- Secondhand smoke is a combination of the smoke coming from the burning end of a lit cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, or pipe, and the smoke that is exhaled by a smoker.
- This smoke contains cancer-causing agents and chemical compounds.
- There is no safe level of secondhand smoke.

Is your community 100% smoke free?

### Why do people use tobacco and e-cigarettes?

- Peer pressure: others want you to try tobacco
- Image: to look cool, older, or more grown up, or to feel popular
- Relaxation (but nicotine has the opposite effect)
- Addiction: once you start, you can't stop



# Smoking in Movies, Television, and Video Games

PG-13 movies containing tobacco use:

- •Wonder Woman, 2017
- •Jumanji, 2017
- •X-Men: Apocalypse, 2016

Video games containing tobacco use:

- Overwatch
- Grand Theft Auto
- Bioshock



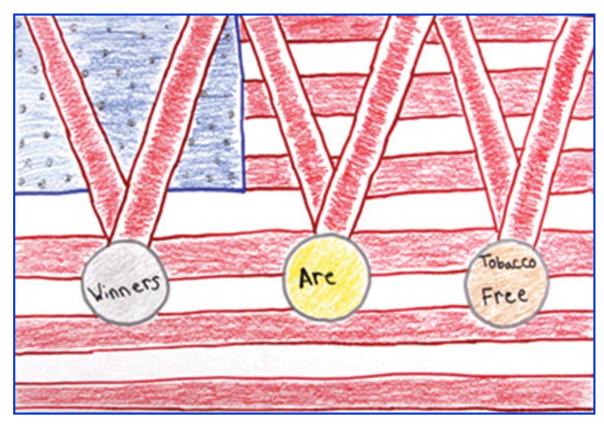


## Did you know?

- Tobacco use kills 480,000 people in the United States each year.
- More than 16 million Americans
   live with smoking-related disease.

   Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Each day more than 2,500 kids try their first cigarette.

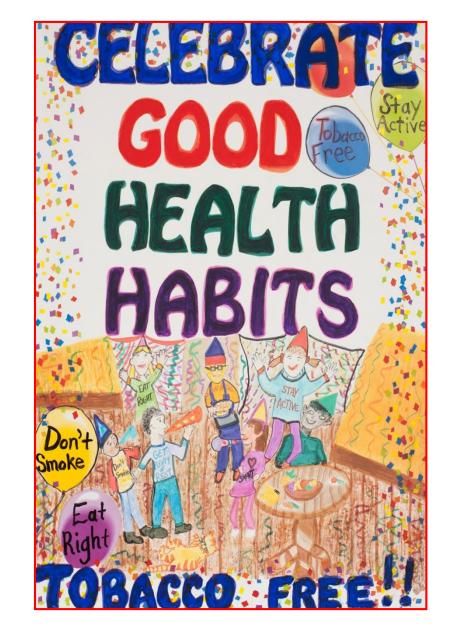
Source: Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids



Olivia—Louisiana 2010 Tar Wars Poster Contest

### Remember...

Any type of tobacco or nicotine product harms you and those you care about.



Mary—Tennessee
2013 Tar Wars Poster Contest

### Questions?



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