



# Big Pharma: Friend or Foe?

**Part I:** Research the general process through which a new drug enters the marketplace. Consider:

- How is it discovered or developed?
- How is it tested? By who? For how long?
- How is it approved? By who, and what are the criteria for approval?
- How is it marketed and to who?

**Part II:** Research a drug whose appearance in the marketplace dramatically changed people's lives for the better. What problem did this drug solve?

**Part III:** Research a drug whose appearance in the marketplace that later proved to be harmful or unsafe. How much later? What happened?

**Part IV:** Research the kinds of problems that drugs are being created to solve today. Are drugs the only potential solution to these problems?

Write a paper that takes a position on whether or not Big Pharma is generally helping the world or overstepping its bounds. Support your position with facts and evidence.