

The Addict's Wake Essay Questions

- 1** Many people think recurrence of use is part of recovery. Why do you think they say that, and what are some of the reasons they think this happens? Do you think if someone doesn't quit the first time, they might as well give up—or people should quit helping them try to quit even if they want to try?
- 2** The first step in the addiction cycle is initial use. What consistently makes one person more likely to go from initial use to dependency than another? Are there common themes? Using this information, can you indicate possible outcomes of initial use on people with risk factors versus no risk factors for substance abuse disorder?
- 3** What role do you think parents should have if they are concerned their child might be using drugs, actually is using drugs, or is addicted to drugs? Do you think parents should talk with their kids about the risks of using drugs and what they can do to help you if you have a problem with drugs?
- 4** In what ways do you think your loved ones could talk to you about drugs without making you upset? Any specific suggestions? How do you think they would react if you brought it up instead—confused, relieved, upset, mad? Would you use drugs, no matter what? Would you talk to someone else about it if it could be kept private? Does this film and information change your thinking about how important it is to talk to someone?