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PRESCRIPTION PAIN MEDS
7th Grade Box #1 Template

Read the text on Prescription Pain Medications and answer the 5 questions that follow...

- <http://tinyurl.com/zrjd446>

Make sure you write the answers in good, complete sentences.

Think It Through:

1. Roughly how many more prescriptions for opioids were given out by pharmacies in the U.S. in 2013 compared with 1991?
2. Approximately how many more people died from prescription opioid overdoses in 2013 than 2001?
3. Use data from the second graph to describe how the number of prescription opioid overdose deaths has changed over time for both men and women.
4. What evidence suggests that the number of opioid prescriptions could be linked to the number of overdose deaths? Use evidence from the graphs and the article "Prescription Pain Medications: What You Need to Know" to explain your answer.
5. Many scientists are urging the medical community to improve the way prescription opioids are prescribed. That may include using other, less powerful medications more often. Do you agree with this recommendation? What factors might scientists and doctors be considering? Use evidence from the graphs and from the article to support your answer.