

Answers: TOBY MORSE

1.     Positive: They introduced him to punk music and skateboarding  
       Negative: They had parties at the house, and were drunk or high.
2.     It doesn't sound like he fit in. He wore checkered pants... He really didn't want to be like everyone else. He talks about people that force others to do things just to fit in, and they are not your real friends.
3.     Open comment: Discuss- People should appreciate you for who you are and not just because you go along with whatever other people are doing. If you don't go for what the group is doing, and they exclude you after that, they are not your real friends.
4.     He says that one joint leads to a beer a pill and even coke (cocaine). All of this can spiral into an addiction. See definition.
5.     He doesn't fit the stereotype of a musician who people think use drugs or alcohol. He has a hard time convincing people, especially adults... that he doesn't use.
6.     DEATH or JAIL
7.     Life and Music
8.     OPEN

Bonus: Practicing refusal skills in a group is one of the best ways to teach students to stay away from drugs or alcohol. It makes them feel that they are not alone in how they feel.