Who Is Vaping?

Study the following data about e-cigarette use in teens. Then, along with the information in the article, answer the questions that follow.

Percentage of students who reported using cigarettes or e-cigarettes

Top reasons for e-cigarette use among middle and high school students:

1. A friend or family member used them
2. They are available in flavors such as mint, candy, or chocolate
3. Belief that they are less harmful than other forms of tobacco, such as cigarettes
4. To try to quit using tobacco products, such as cigarettes
5. They can be used in areas where other tobacco products are not allowed

Answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper as necessary.

1. By roughly how much did the percentage of middle school students who use e-cigarettes increase between 2011 and 2017? How much did it increase for high school students in the same period?

2. In which population of students is e-cigarette use higher? Why do you think that is?

3. In the article, you read that people who use e-cigarettes are more likely to start smoking tobacco cigarettes. If that theory is correct, how might the data in the graphs change over time?

4. In the article, you read about some of the ways officials are trying to reduce teen vaping. Do you think these prevention efforts will be successful? Cite evidence to support your reasoning. How might you inform your friends of the dangers of vaping?