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English 10

Changing Society Speech

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## Suicide

*Setting-School Assembly at East Tech*

*Audience-13-18 year old students*

*Historical Background-Suicide is a problem that affects all societies around the world. People of all demographics contemplate suicide. Suicide leads to emotional fall-out for the people who knew the deceased. Suicide is often considered a taboo subject, and this needs to change.*

Good morning, my name is Cats Sheely and I am a teacher here at East Tech. Today I would like to talk to you about a topic that makes many people uncomfortable, and that is suicide. We need to talk about the social issue of suicide because too often people attach a stigma to this topic and think that we shouldn't talk about it because it's too sad or it will make people want to commit suicide.

**BODY OF YOUR SPEECH—Logos and Pathos—your facts/statistics and emotional appeals to the audience**

Thank you for listening so attentively. I hope that today's discussion has helped you to see why it is important to demystify suicide and to start open, frank conversations about how to prevent and deal with the issues surrounding suicide. As we leave here today, I would like to ask you to do just one thing: be a friend and listen to one another. If you, or a friend, are going

through a particularly difficult time, remember that you are not alone and there are people who are here to help you. Again thank you for your time and attention.