

Part One: Directions: Before reading *Speak*, in the “Before” column, respond to each statement by putting a plus sign (+) if you agree with it, a minus sign (-) if you disagree, and a question mark (?) if you are unsure of your belief.

Part Two: After you have read the novel, you will write an eight sentence paragraph explaining one statement that you changed your mind about during the novel. *Keep this paper!*

Before	Statement	After
1. _____	The pressures of fitting in at high school are greater than any other point in one’s life.	1. _____
2. _____	Students who are depressed are simply afraid to deal with their real or perceived problems.	2. _____
3. _____	There is a difference between being quiet and being withdrawn.	3. _____
4. _____	Students should not tell teachers about their personal problems, no matter how serious.	4. _____
5. _____	A girl who dresses provocatively deserves any negative attention she gets.	5. _____
6. _____	Girls are more likely than guys to say they have been sexually harassed.	6. _____
7. _____	Whatever happens at a party should stay at the party.	7. _____
8. _____	If someone is drunk or high, she or he is not responsible for her or his actions.	8. _____
9. _____	Parents simply don’t understand the problems teenagers go through.	9. _____
10. _____	People who are quiet have something to hide.	10. _____