**Keonte Noel**

**Mrs. Dale**

**English 9**

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**Shannon Draper: Tears of a Tiger**

**For a while teenagers have died in: Suicide, Drugs, Alcohol, and Drunk Driving. In Alabama 11.3 to 14.5 % of our teens are drinking and driving. Suicide is the 3rd leading death toward teens. Most common suicide death is around firearms. Depression and Emotional abuse are some disorders in Tears of a Tiger. Andy Jackson is thinking that he’s guilty for his friend’s death.**

**Andy and his friends’ won a basketball game; and wanted to drink after their wins. B.J. didn’t want to drink because he thinks it will mess his growth up. They had a crash while they were swerving through the roads. Andy, B.J., and Tyrone all escaped the crash but Robbie, was stuck his leg was in the windshield. B.J. Jumped on the top of the car hood and tried to pull Robert out. While he was trying Tyrone and Andy was watching terrified when the gas tank caught on fire and Robert was saying “help me don’t let me die”. Andy had a court date and they judge took his license away until he is 21 instead of him going to jail.**

**The Hazelwood High school was in shook when they heard about the crash and Rob Death. The basketball team wasn’t in the right mode; to play so they forfeited all there games until there ready. Andy was going to counseling wit this black man he couldn’t believe was there. When they had their meetings they were talking about: how the crash happened, what was Rob’s final words, how he’s doing and, how they had fun. The therapist decided if Andy would write a letter to Rob’s parents about all the good things there was about Rob.**

**Andy went back to school. He has made bad grades ever since the crash happened. His teacher called to talk to his father to talk about his grades. Keisha and Andy was having problems allot they had a big fight at the Schools Talent Show. Keisha was getting tired of all of his Tantrums. When Andy got home his mom asked him what was wrong with him and he told her. Andy tried to talk to her after he got done talking to his mom, but when he called her it was like three in the morning and here mom wasn’t going to get her.**

**The next day everybody left for school, but Andy went back home. Is neighbor called his mom and told he came back home. At school the teacher was calling roll and Andy wasn’t there. He was at home in his room; he went and got his fathers hunting riffle. Ronda asked if Keisha seen him but she said she don’t never want to see him again. He was sitting on his bed saying “ Its not my fault”, “ I’m sorry” over and over.**

**He was rubbing over the trigger on his father gun and accidently pulled the trigger. He fell lying on the ground. Ronda was coming over there to talk to him and see why he didn’t come to school. She ran into his mom and brother in the doorway. When they opened the door his little brother asked, “Why is there blood on the wall”. They ran up the stairs and walked into his room. They saw Andy in there on the ground dead because he committed suicide. Homicide investigators came to the Jacksons house and they said he committed suicide around 2:30 on April 3. The next day at school everybody is crying and depressed because they lost both Robbie and Andy.**

**A suicide worker came to there school; her name is Mrs. Sweet. She suggested if they would write a letter about why he did it. Some was mean and harsh and some was sad. Keisha letter was sad she put in the end of her letter she will always love him. His little brother came to his graveyard and was saying his prayer and his letter. His Mom and Dad split up and his mom doesn’t want to go down to the graveyard.**