Speak Pre-Reading Activities

Writing prompt: Outcast

- Write about a time you felt like you didn't fit in. Ideas include:
 - First day of school, joining a new sports team, moving to a new place, your family members, friend groups, or starting at a new job
- Explain your response in 7+ sentences.
- Sharing optional





Tea party discussion



- Think:
 - Based on your quote from Speak, What the book might be about?
- Move:
 - Rotate around the room & meet w/ others to discuss their quotes.
 - Share your quote with each partner
 - Put "clues" together to come up with an idea as to what our story might be about
 - Visit at least 7 different people
- Predict in Groups:
 - Based on the clues you encountered:
 - What do you predict will happen in the book?
 - What will it be about?
 - Write a "We think" statement and be ready to share it w/ class



Speak: anticipation guide (move accordingly whether you "agree," "disagree," or remain "neutral" for each)

- The pressures of fitting in at high school are greater than any other point in one's life.
- 2. People are dressed skimpily are "asking for it."
- Students who are depressed are simply afraid to deal with their real or perceived problems.
- 4. Students should not tell teachers about their personal problems, no matter how serious.
- 5. Whatever happens at a party should stay at the party.
- 6. If someone is drunk or high, she or he is not responsible for her or his actions.
- 7. Parents simply don't understand the problems teenagers go through.
- 8. People who are quiet have something to hide.