**English 109**

**Research Project**

**STUDENT SAMPLE**

**CONCLUSIONS**

**The following student samples are in rough draft form. Note how research is inserted in each paper:**

**CONCLUSION A:**

Sensing the Gordon's fear of a complex surgery, Dr. Mascurro mentioned a few different procedures that were available for drastic weight loss. A gene discovered by a group of scientists

in upstate New York has been shown to produce a hormone called leptin (Pool, 1997). The hormone made in fat cells sent to the brain to tell it how much fat is deposited in the body. In obese lab rats, leptin is not produced, so lab rats think they are starving in turn making them eat more. This cycle continues until the rats are almost too large to function (Pool, 1997). Once the rats were giving injections of leptin, their weight was drastically reduced for the body thought it had a substantial amount of fat and therefore it consumed less food (Pool, 1997). To Gordon, this sounded like a biology lesson, but could it make him lose weight? The doctor said although this treatment may be very successful, it has not been proven safe for humans. More tests were the last thing Gordon wanted. Since there were no other options readily available, he knew gastric bypass was the best option for saving his life. Marissa thanked Gordon as he walked back to his second floor office, but she did not look him in the eye. More of the same he thought to himself. Today was no different than any other day. And indeed it wasn't. Gordon got up, had his Atkins-friendly breakfast, caught a cab to work and now it was 10:15 again. Snack time. As he approached the break room, his phone vibrated. Gordon looked down at the screen and sees the hospital on his caller idea. He put the phone to his ear. "Your all set sir, you are scheduled to meet with your surgeon on Monday. Congratulations! ", says the voice on the other end as a larger than life smile crept across Gordon's face.

**CONCLUSION B:**

Michael is now a spokesperson for kids who are going through depression, and have thought of suicide. More than 5,000 young teens kill themselves, and 2 million attempt it (Galas, 2007). He talks about if you are less sexually active (Wetzstien, 2005), or have a strong religious background, you are less likely to commit suicide (Teenage Depression, 2009). Also, maintaining a healthy lifestyle helps prevent depression (Preventing, 2008). In many cases of the teen Michael has talked to, depression was directly connected to their thoughts of suicide (Suicide, 2003) Depression is very common among teens. Because of the pressures of society, stress is a major factor when it comes to depression. Michael also found that significant events such as death, divorce, break-ups, neglect and bullying can cause depression (Teen, 2003) Michael also talks about how to deal with someone if they are going through depression. He says you should always be kind, and find the best in people, not the worst. (Bale, 2009), and you should not tease people just because they are different (Raeburn, 2002), but to look at who they really are. Take the time to get to know someone; it could make all the difference. Losing someone who takes their own life away is painful (Galas, 2007), and Michael remembers what it was like to lose a sister. He does not want anyone else to have to go through that pain. Every week, he goes and sets flowers down at Kendall’s grave. Inscribed on her headstone is her favorite Bible verse, and the words Michael repeats every morning, just to get through the day:

And teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you, and surly I am with you always, even to the very end of the age. – (Matthew 28:20 New International Version)