

Workshop 5: Under Pressure**Reading 1 Project: Tragic Death on Train**
Learning From Eric's Mistakes

One boy's decision to follow his peers ended up costing him his life.

Project: Write a speech that Eric's friend could give at Eric's funeral.

Procedure**1. Brainstorm ideas.**

At Eric's funeral, his friend spoke out about peer pressure. List some ideas for a speech. Tell about the deadly effects of negative peer pressure. Here are some questions to help you get started:

- Eric's friend said crazy stunts aren't worth it. What did he mean by this?
- Eric's friend said that all teens should fight negative peer pressure. What suggestions do you think he gave them?
- What words of advice will your speech include?

2. Write your speech.

Now write a draft of your speech.

- Remember, you are delivering the speech at a funeral. Use a respectful and serious tone in your writing.
- Keep your audience in mind. Many kids Eric's age will probably be listening to your speech.

3. Present.

Type your speech on the computer. Present it to your group or class.