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Directions

- Place a “!” by one piece of information that surprises you.
- Place a “?” by one piece of information that you are wondering more about.

- General Statistics (USA)
 - Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the US for all ages.
 - Every day, approximately 105 Americans die by suicide.
 - There is one death by suicide in the US every 12 minutes.
 - Depression affects 20-25% of Americans ages 18+ in a given year.
 - Suicide takes the lives of over 38,000 Americans every year.
 - The highest suicide rates in the US are among Whites, American Indians and Alaska Natives.
- Gender Disparities
 - Suicide among males is 4x's higher than among females. Male deaths represent 79% of all US suicides.
 - Females are more likely than males to have had suicidal thoughts.
 - Females attempt suicide 3x's as often as males.
- Age Disparities
 - 1 in 100,000 children ages 10 to 14 die by suicide each year.
 - 7 in 100,000 youth ages 15 to 19 die by suicide each year.
 - Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for 15 to 24 year old Americans.
- Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
 - Lesbian, gay, and bisexual kids are 3x more likely than straight kids to attempt suicide at some point in their lives.
 - African American, Latino, Native American, and Asian American people who are lesbian, gay, or bisexual attempt suicide at especially high rates.
 - Lesbian, gay, and bisexual young people who come from families that reject or do not accept them are over 8x more likely to attempt suicide than those whose families accept them.
 - Each time an LGBTQ person is a victim of physical or verbal harassment or abuse, they become 2.5x more likely to hurt themselves.