ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT: Bullying plagues schools across the United States. Day after day thousands of kids stay home from school, avoid people in the halls, and go home in tears because of kids in their school classified as bullies. There are many types and varieties of bullies and bullying but they all have the same outcome, a torn down individual. The biggest trouble with bullying is that it is different for every individual which is why schools have had such a hard time combating it. How can you stop bullying when every kid has something different happening to them to various degrees if intensity. The anti-bullying tactic --showing bullies the voice of their victims—utilized by the character Hannah, in Jay Asher's "Thirteen Reasons Why" is a highly effective strategy to combat bullying through the use peer theatre. Through a performance, using true stories collected from victims, bullying can be combatted by showing the true voice and effects on the victim.