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Aim: How does Laurie Halse Anderson develop Melinda's feeling of isolation in her novel, *Speak*?

Do now: What feeling is Melinda expressing in the following quote?

"Deprived of Victim, Mom and Dad holler at each other. I turn up the music to drown out the noise." (16.9)

Meaningful Engagement Activity: Listen to p. 26 - p. 39 as you read along. Answer the text dependent questions.

Devil's Destroy

1. What new information is revealed about Melinda's past?

2. Based on this revelation, what do you think may have happened to Melinda?

Cheerleaders

1. What does Melinda's family worship? Cite your evidence.

2. How does Melinda feel about the cheerleaders? Cite three examples from the text to support your claim.

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The Opposite of Inspiration is...Expiration?

1. What does Melinda draw in art class? How do these drawings symbolize her?

2. How does Mr. Freeman communicate with Melinda? Cite your evidence.

Acting

1. Why does Heather start crying? Cite two reasons from the text.

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2. What is the significance of the spilt nail polish?
