

1 Gabby, I wish I was right at your side, I wish I could be talking to you right now. I'd be going  
2 through every memory we made, getting even more excited for the future. But we lost our future.  
3 I can't live without you. I've lost every day we could've spent together, every holiday. I'll never get  
4 to play with CatXXXXX again. Never go hiking with TJ. I loved you more than anything. I can't  
5 bear to look at our photos, to recall great times because it is why I cannot go on. When I close my  
6 eyes, I will think of laughing on the roof of the van, falling asleep to the sight of a meteor shower  
7 at the crystal geyser. I will always love you. If you were reading gabs' journal, looking at photos  
8 from our life together, flipping through old cards you wouldn't want to live a day without her.  
9 Knowing that everyday you'll wake up without her, you wouldn't want to wake up. I'm sorry to  
10 everyone this will affect, gabby was the love of my life, but I know adored by many. I'm so very  
11 sorry to her family because I love them. I'd consider her younger siblings my best of friends  
12 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX I am sorry to my family, this is a shock to them as well  
13 a terrible grief. They loved as much, if not more than me. A new daughter to my mother, an aunt  
14 to my nephews. Please do not make this harder for them this occurred as an unexpected tragedy.  
15 Rushing back to our car trying to cross the streams of spread creek before it got too dark to see,  
16 too cold. I hear a splash and a scream. I could barely see. I couldn't find her for a moment, shouted  
17 her name. I found her breathing heavily, gasping my name. She was freezing cold. We had just  
18 come from the blazing hot national parks in Utah. The temperature had dropped to freezing and  
19 she was soaking wet. I carried her as far as I could from the stream toward the car, stumbling,  
20 exhausted in shock, when my knees buckled and knew I couldn't safely carry her. I started a fire  
21 and spooned her as close to the heat. She was so thin, had already been freezing too long. I  
22 couldn't at the time realize that I should've started a fire first but I wanted her out of the cold back  
23 to the car. From where I started the fire I had no idea how far the car might be, only knew it was  
24 across the creek. When I pulled gabby out of the water, she couldn't tell me what hurt. She had  
25 a small bump on her forehead that eventually got larger. XXXXXXXXXXXX Her feet hurt, her wrist  
26 hurt but she was freezing, shaking violently. While carrying her she continually made sounds of  
27 pain. Laying next to her she said little, lapsing between violent shakes, gasping in pain, begging  
28 for an end to her pain. She would fall asleep and I would shake her awake, fearing she shouldn't  
29 close her eyes if she had a concussion. She would wake in pain, start her whole painful cycle  
30 again while furious that I was the one waking her. She wouldn't let me try to cross the creek,  
31 thought like me that the fire would go out in her sleep and she'd freeze. I don't know the extent of  
32 gabby's injuries, only that she was in extreme pain. I ended her life, I thought it was merciful, that  
33 it is what she wanted but I see now all the mistakes I made. I panicked, I was in shock. But from  
34 the moment I decided, took away her pain, I knew I couldn't go on without her. I rushed home to

Lost future  
Lost ev day  
To Gabby  
6No Gabby ref  
Ref to future  
Lower case  
2nd person ref  
To Reader  
Apology  
Lower case  
Apology  
Tense  
XXXXXX  
Who directed to?  
Tense  
Nothing to Family  
Lower case  
XXXXXXX  
Emotion  
Emotion  
Tense  
Lower case  
Unk method  
"It" vs "I"

35 spend any time I had left with my family. I wanted to drive north and let James or TJ kill me but I  
 36 wouldn't want them to spend time in jail over my mistake, even though I'm sure they would have  
 37 liked to. I am ending my life not because of a fear of punishment but rather because I can't stand  
 38 to live another day without her. I've lost our whole future together, every moment we could have  
 39 shared. I'm sorry for everyone's loss. Please do not make life harder for my family, they lost a son  
 40 and a daughter. The most wonderful girl in the world. gabby I'm sorry. I have killed myself by this  
 41 creek in the hopes that animals may tear me apart. That it may make some of her family happy.  
 42 Please pick up all of my things. gabby hated people who litter.

Tense  
 Unk method  
 Emotion  
 Lost future  
 Lost moment  
 Apology  
 Lost son  
 Lower case  
 To Gabby  
 Request to survivors  
 To Reader  
 Lower case

## Conclusions

### 1. Signs of deception

- a. Pronouns missing: Sign of inability to commit; strongly deceptive
- b. Tense problems (present): Info affected by source other than memory; deceptive
- c. Corrections; lines 12 and 25: Concealing information author didn't want reader to know
- d. Future references; 6, 7, 10; Not expected from someone committing suicide
- e. Line 11 "I would" (I'd): Conditional, not absolute; Not the same as "was" or "were"
- f. Unknown method of death: Author does not have that information; implied
- g. Emotion references: Located where truthful thought process would not place it
- h. Sensitivity (blue w/ yellow): Not at time of her death; only where Brian is affected by circumstances.

### 2. Relationship Status indicators (Problematic!!)

- a. Lower case G !!!: Bad, conflicted relationship
- b. Loss references: No sympathy for Gabby, only himself ("I've lost...")
- c. No direct comments to families: Comments to Gabby and unknown reader; Why not apologize or talk directly to families?
- d. Line 13, "They loved as much...": Missing "her" pronoun. Info not necessarily true
- e. Line 11 "I'd consider her younger siblings my best friends...": "I would consider..." is not the same as "I consider...". Only under certain circumstances does he consider them his best friends.
- f. Line 40, "Girl". No relationship references to Gabby: He considers her immature and not a woman, fiance', etc. Could be motive related
- g. "Me-Monster": All signals lead to Brian being is focused on himself