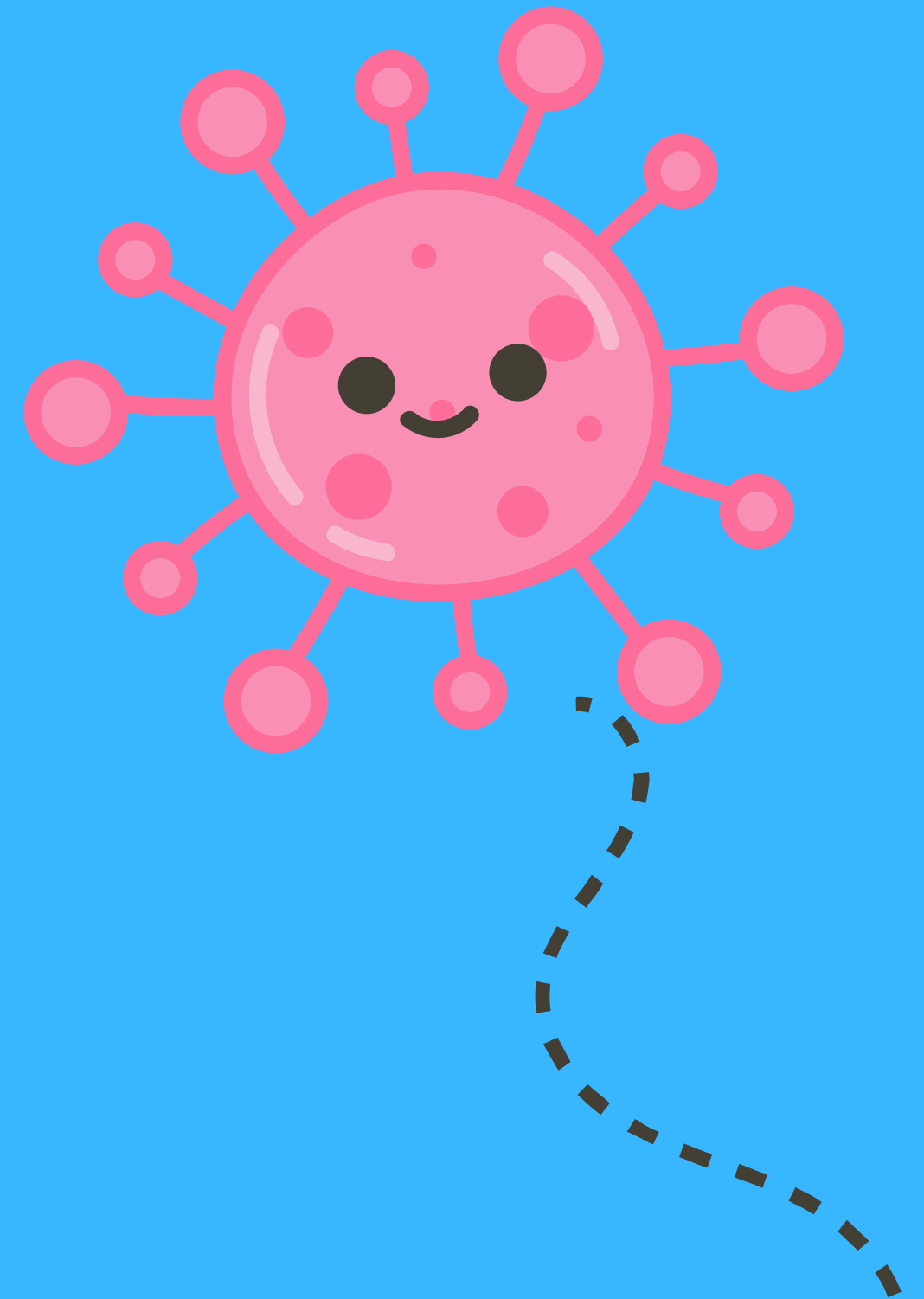


**HIV DOESN'T  
DISCRIMINATE:  
LITTLE VIOLET'S  
IMPORTANT  
MISSION!**



# WHY THIS TOPIC?

- **We chose this topic because HIV has been a major concern in the US when it comes to receiving treatment.**
- **There are people who have access to treatment and those who can't get access to due to social barriers in their area.**



# INTRODUCTION TO OUR TOPIC:

**The book illustrates different health disparities of HIV to teenagers:**

- 1. Race and Sexuality**
- 2. Poverty**
- 3. Substance Abuse**



# LITERATURE REVIEW

Our literature review goes into detail of each the **HIV health disparities** and demonstrates why and how each of them put certain groups at a much **higher risk of the disease.**



# LITERATURE REVIEW

## **Race and Sexuality:**

- **People who belong to a certain race or sexuality tend to face more discrimination from physicians who aren't trained properly.**
- **Due to this discrimination, those who fall into this group are constantly denied healthcare, putting themselves at higher risk of the disease.**



# LITERATURE REVIEW

## **Substance Abuse:**

- **People who tend to abuse drugs put themselves at higher risk for HIV because they may share needles and may be more prone to risky behaviors.**



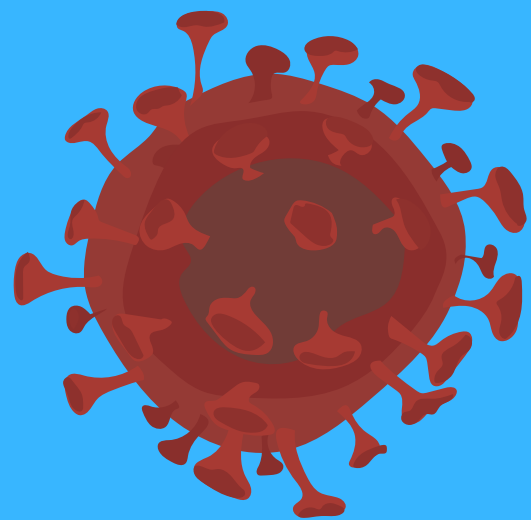
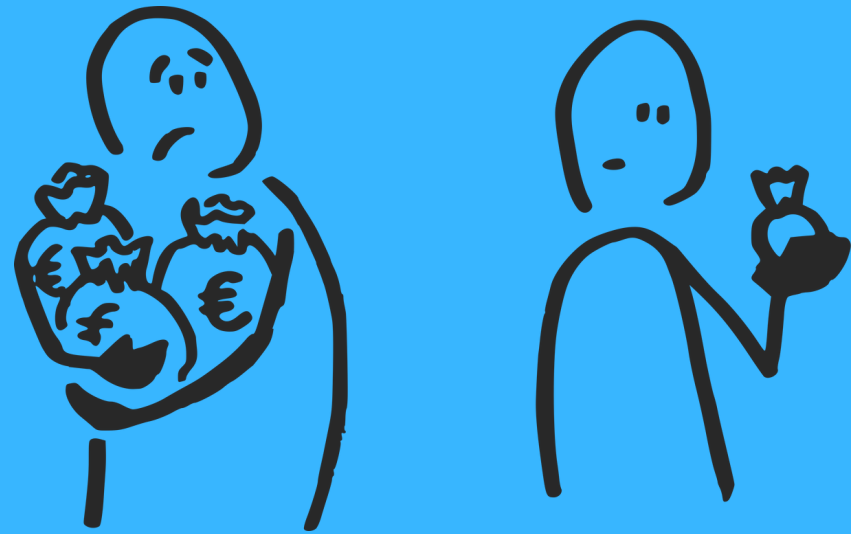
# LITERATURE REVIEW

## **Poverty:**

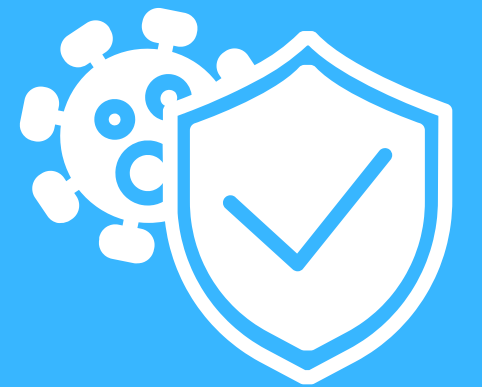
- **People that live in lower income areas tend to have higher risk for HIV since they cannot afford access to healthcare and transportation for treatment.**



# MISSION AND AUDIENCE



**Our Mission is to inform young teens as they move into high school of the dangers of HIV. Our goal is to provide the readers with information that can prevent the spread of HIV and educate young teens on risky behaviors and systemic inequalities in the healthcare system.**





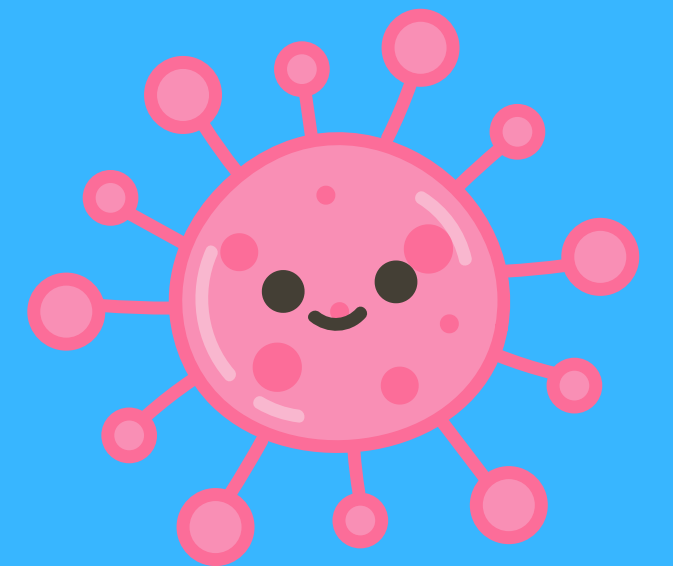
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# EDITS AND CHANGES



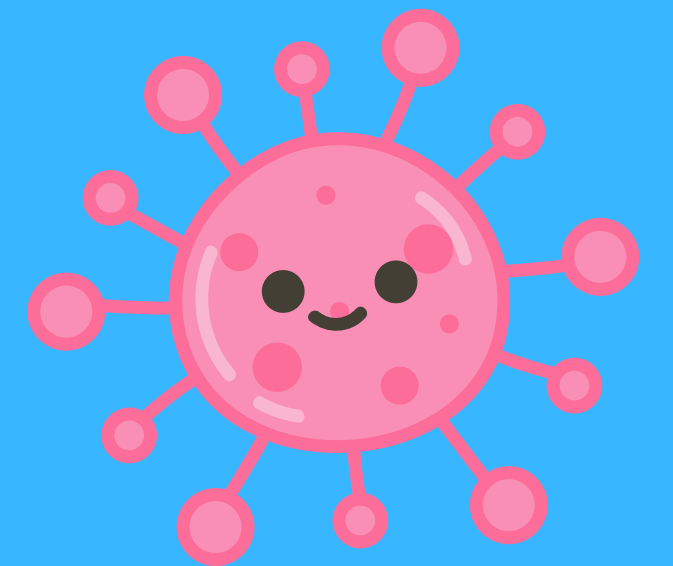
- **We added a glossary because we figured the average teen wouldn't know some of the words.**
- **Added resources with local real solutions if readers find themselves in similar situations.**
- **Giving each character their own page color.**



# EDITS AND CHANGES



- **Wanting to make the illustration look different was definitely a challenge.**
- **Adding in different facial expressions was hard.**



# CONCLUSION

**It is crucial for teens to understand HIV in order to promote a society free from stigma and discrimination.**

**We hope our book can empower young teens with knowledge about how HIV is transmitted and not transmitted, helping them make safe choices and protect themselves and others.**

**We also hope this book opens up, and normalizes conversations about HIV and sexual health!**

