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INTRO

MAKE A LIST

1. Imagine you get a message on Instagram from a stranger. The stranger asks you to add them as a friend. Then, they ask you to give them your home address, birthday, and other personal information in order to get a prize. List the consequences of “friending” this person and sharing your information.



LEARN IT

ARTICLE: 5 Reasons Digital Citizenship is Important

Digital citizenship is a way of being and acting online. It means acting responsibly in how you communicate and behave on the Internet. Learn about why digital citizenship is so important below. Then, answer the questions.

5 Reasons Digital Citizenship is Important

Being a good digital citizen prevents cyber bullying, promotes online safety, and encourages digital health and wellness. Here are the top reasons why digital citizenship is necessary:

1. **Digital Literacy** - It's great that there is a wealth of information available on the Internet, but with so much information how do you know what information is *credible*? Digital literacy helps you figure out how to quickly find information that is reputable and beneficial. For example websites that end in .gov or .edu are better to use for school work than personal websites that end in .com.
2. **Cyberbullying** - Cyberbullying is a major concern in today's society. Cyberbullying can include calling people names, posting pictures of others without their permission, and more. It is important for you to learn how to communicate respectfully with your peers. If you or someone you know is being cyberbullied it is important for you to report it to a trusted adult as soon as possible.
3. **Online Safety** - Learning about online safety makes you less likely to fall victim to online scams and identity theft. Online safety also teaches you about what is considered an appropriate website and why you shouldn't post personal information on the Internet. If you practice being safe every time you use the Internet you will feel more confident in online spaces.
4. **Digital Responsibility** - Having access to the Internet and tools to use on the Internet is a privilege. It is your responsibility to understand why hacking and piracy is illegal and to make sure you are not breaking the law. As a student, it is also very important for you to understand plagiarism and how it can impact your academic career.
5. **Digital Health & Wellness** - Technology is great, but it can be addictive. Data has shown how extensive technology use can cause mental and physical problems. Digital health and wellness means limiting your time online, taking frequent breaks, stretching, eating, and staying hydrated.

The next time you open your laptop or search for something on the Internet, remember that it is your responsibility to be a good digital citizen and to encourage digital citizenship in others!

[Source](#)

1. Melody is trying to learn the latest TikTok dance by watching YouTube tutorials and has been at it for a few hours. She also has homework due tomorrow that she hasn't started working on. What should Melody do?

2. Andrew is checking his email and gets a link to a website one of his classmates has created. The website has photoshopped pictures of another student in their class. Other students are also leaving mean comments. What should Andrew do?

VIDEO: [Teen Voices: Oversharing and Your Digital Footprint](#)

1. What are some of the problems with social media that teens brought up?

2. In your own words, explain how you can be a responsible digital citizen while using social media.

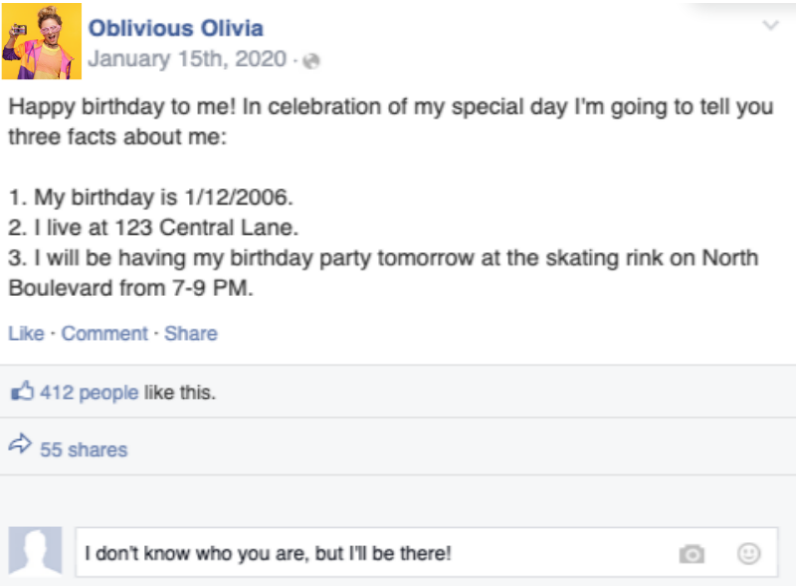


DO IT

PLAY: Smarter Social Media


Now that you know why digital citizenship is important, let's practice choosing which digital citizenship topics (from the article above) these students need to learn more about after reviewing their posts on social media! Follow your teacher's directions to play this game and fill out the table below.

POST #1

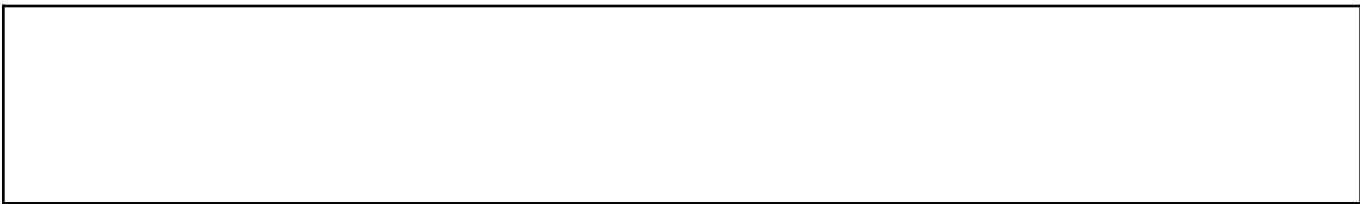
Social Media Post	Digital Citizenship Topics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; vertical-align: top;"><input type="checkbox"/> Digital Health & Wellness <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; vertical-align: top;"><input type="checkbox"/> Cyberbullying <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; vertical-align: top;"><input type="checkbox"/> Online Safety <li style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; vertical-align: top;"><input type="checkbox"/> Digital Responsibility

ANSWER THIS: How can Olivia be a better digital citizen?

POST #2

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ANSWER THIS: How can Dan be a better digital citizen?



POST #3	
Social Media Posts	Digital Citizenship Topics
<p>Mean Maria 5/15, 1:17pm You're stupid!</p> <p>Innocent Elsa 5/15, 1:19 pm Why would you say that?</p> <p>Mean Maria 5/15, 1:20 pm Because it's true.</p> <p>Innocent Elsa 5/15, 1:25 pm Please leave me alone or I'll tell my mom.</p> <p>Mean Maria 5/15, 1:27 pm If you tell on me I'll just keep bothering you, so you better not!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Digital Health & Wellness<input type="checkbox"/> Online Safety<input type="checkbox"/> Cyberbullying<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Responsibility
ANSWER THIS: How can Maria be a better digital citizen?	

POST #4	
Social Media Posts	Digital Citizenship Topics
<p>Marathon Michael @GAMING IS LIFE Follow</p> <p>I've been playing Fortnite for 12 hours straight! I've only eaten chips and refuse to leave my seat! My goal is to break my 15 hour streak!</p> <p>2:48 PM - 6 May 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Digital Health & Wellness<input type="checkbox"/> Online Safety<input type="checkbox"/> Cyberbullying<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Responsibility

ANSWER THIS: How can Michael be a better digital citizen?



EXIT TICKET

1. Let's pretend you were assigned a research paper for your history class. While searching for resources on the Internet you find two websites about your topic. One website is a personal blog. The other website has .gov at the end of its web address. Which website would be better to use for your research paper? Explain why.

2. Think about your own online activity. List two ways you plan on becoming a better digital citizen in the future.