Teaching Public and Permanent™

Unit 3

Digital Permanence & Legacy

Unit Overview:

The Following Video Sections Should Be Viewed Prior To Implementing This Unit:

- Permanent
- Legacy

In this Unit students will be introduced to the concept that it can be very difficult to permanently delete digital content, and that this is not necessarily supposed to be a bad thing. Additionally, students will begin to understand that the permanent nature of digital content requires a different mindset as it may have serious consequences and unforeseen effects on their current and future; (i) personal reputation, (ii) education, (iii) employment and (iv) legacy.

Students will learn that it is important to "think beyond the moment" when using digital tools that offer the benefit of permanence. We will explore the benefits and consequences of using digital tools that are essentially leaving behind a personal history for future generations to learn from, and why responsible use of these digital tools is paramount to our personal legacy.

Further, in preparation for Unit 4, students will begin to define themselves as digital citizens by examining what it means to leave a digital footprint on society. In these activities students will be asked to look at various aspects of their own digital lives and the intended and unintended consequences of their digital decisions.

The Unit and Activity times are anticipated, but may vary.

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Suggested Unit Time: 100 Minutes

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Lesson Preview:

During this lesson students will learn about the permanence of technology, and how our actions with digital tools today can have an effect on our future and legacy.

Objective:

1. The student will demonstrate comprehension of the principle of permanency of digital content by identifying the ways 'deleted' digital content can be restored or saved and the effect it may have on their lives.

2. Students will demonstrate comprehension of digital legacies by understanding that everything they do digitally contributes toward their own digital footprint.

Procedure:

- Activity 1: Digital Recovery (Pg. 3)
- Activity 2: The Permanent Nature of Digital Communication (Pg. 5)
- Activity 3: Going Way Back (Pg. 7)
- Activity 4: Digital Footprints (Pg. 9)
- Activity 5: Understanding Ancestry (Pg. 11)
- Extension Activity (Pg. 13)
- Closure: Journaling Activity (Pg. 15)

Student Worksheets:

- Digital Recovery Worksheet (Pg. 4)
- Permanent Nature of Digital Communication Worksheet (Pg. 6)
- Going Way Back Worksheet (Pg. 8)
- Digital Employability Worksheet (Pg. 10)
- Ancestry Worksheet (Pg. 12)
- Extension Activity - Unit 3 Student Created Activity (Pg. 14)