

CYBERCIVICS. Middle School Digital Literacy Curriculum

LEVEL 1: **DIGITAL** CITIZENSHIP



UNIT 1: BECOMING A DE-'TECH'-TIVE

- De-'Tech'-Tive Work*
- Investigating Today's Tech
- How Much Do You Know?

UNIT 2: CITIZENSHIP

- Five Principles of Citizenship
- How To Be a Good Citizen Online
- Designing a Positive Community

UNIT 3: YOUR DIGITAL REPUTATION

- Digital Background Check
- To Share or Not To Share?
- Your Digital Billboard

UNIT 4: ETHICAL THINKING

- Ethical Thinking in Digital Spaces
- Email Etiquette
- Texting, Visual Communication Etiquette
- Commenting Respectfully
- Creating a Code of Conduct

UNIT 5: CYBERBULLYING & DIGITAL DRAMA

- Hiding Behind a Screen
- Real People, Real Feelings
- What is Cyberbullying? Digital Drama?
- Be Upstanding
- What if You're The Target?

UNIT 6: IDENTITY AND PRIVACY

- Who Am I Online?
- You Are the Words You Use
- My Self, My Selfie
- You, In Six Words
- A-Okay or No Way
- Final Project
- *The term "de-'tech'-tive" comes from "Digital Community, Digital Citizen" by Jason Ohler

LEVEL 2: **INFORMATION LITERACY**



PREP LESSON

• Using Computers Responsibly

UNIT 1: LEARNING BALANCE

- Your Time, Part 1
- Your Time, Part 2

UNIT 2: ONLINE SAFETY

- Online Safety 101
- Common Online Threats

UNIT 3: SEARCHING THE WEB

- Elements of a Web Search
- How Does Search Work?
- Constructing a Search Query
- Anatomy of a Results Page
- Why Can't I Cut & Paste?

UNIT 4: YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Who's Watching?
- Privacy Policies: Who Reads Them?
- Understanding Terms of Use
- Algorithms are Awesome. Or Are They?
- Protecting Your Online Data
- What Makes a Password Great?
- What Would You Collect?

UNIT 5: COPYRIGHT | PUBLIC DOMAIN | FAIR USE

- What is Copyright?
- Why Copyright Matters
- What is Creative Commons?
- Public Domain & Fair Use
- · Living in a Remix World

UNIT 6: HOW TO USE WIKIPEDIA

- Why Wikis Work
- Exploring Wikipedia
- Editing Wikipedia
- The Collaborative Final

LEVEL 3: MEDIA LITERACY FOR **POSITIVE PARTICIPATION**



UNIT 1: A PARTICIPATORY CULTURE

- Are You a Taker or or Maker?
- Are You a Multitasker?
- Your Brain on Tech

UNIT 2: CRITICAL THINKING

- Analyzing Online Info, Part 1
- Analyzing Online Info, Part 2

UNIT 3: MISINFORMATION

- · What's News?
- Understanding "Fake" News
- Clickbait & Deepfakes
- Simon Says It's Fake

UNIT 4: STEREOTYPES, MEDIA REPRESENTATION

- Seeing Stereotypes
- Don't Label Me!
- The Ad Who Knows You

UNIT 5: VISUAL LITERACY

- Before There Was Photoshop
- Every Picture Tells a Story
- Don't Let That Photo Fool You
- When Facetune Goes Too Far
- Food Takes Center Stage

UNIT 6: SEXTING

- Let's Talk About Sexting
- Sexting: Just Say No

UNIT 7: DIGITAL LEADERSHIP

- The Power of Social Media
- Trolls, Lurkers, & Upstanders
- A.I. & Ethical Thinking
- Making Technology Accessible
- How Do You Participate Now?

EXTRA UNIT: RESEARCH SKILLS

- Filters and Operators
- Search Like a Pro
- How To Cite Right
- Let's Review! Copyright, Fair Use,