

Digital Literacy Grade 9, Lesson 1, Digital Life 102, (Adapted from Common Sense Media)

Learning Objectives: Students will be able to • learn basic statistics about the current digital landscape. • explore the role that media plays in their lives. • reflect on the positive and negative impact digital media has on them and on society.

Essential Question:

What is the place of digital media in our lives?

Key Vocabulary:

- **digital media:** electronic devices and media platforms such as computers, cell phones, video, the Internet, and video games that allow users to create, communicate, and interact with one another or with the device or application itself.
- **digital citizenship:** navigating the digital world safely, responsibly, and ethically.

Procedure – Show this video (**You will need to double click on the icon and it should load to Windows Media Player**)



Perspectives_on_Social_Media_Use_2017.mp4

Discussion:

1. *What are some of the upsides and downsides of digital life, according to the teens in the film? What do you think the upsides and downsides are in your own life?*

Some examples might include:

Upsides	Downsides
I learn a lot from the internet.	I don't like some of the things people send me.
Projects in school can be more fun & interesting with technology.	Some of the things I end up doing with digital media are a waste of time.
I have a good time playing video games & participating in virtual worlds.	I spend more time alone than I use to.

2. *What are some of the upsides and downsides of digital media for relationships?*

Some examples might include:

Upsides	Downsides
People can connect with lots of others quickly.	People can say nasty things when they are anonymous.
People are connected to a larger community than the people they know offline.	Sometimes it is easier to misinterpret what people mean online.
People can get to know others who are geographically far away	Damaging information can spread quickly online.

3. *What are some of the benefits of digital media for our country as a whole? What are some of the problems it might cause?*

Benefits	Problems
People have access to more information and can learn about almost anything online.	People do not spend as much time talking face to face.
We produce innovative technologies for medicine and other important fields.	People can become lazy and depend on technology instead of using their brains.
Many tasks can be done faster with technology.	People can get addicted to technology.

Wrap up:

Can you describe one upside and one downside for yourself about living in a digital world? For your relationships with others? For society as a whole?