

# Digital Citizenship

## Broadcast It on the Internet – Day 1

1. Create a new page on your website titled “Digital Citizenship: Eva’s Story”
  2. Watch the video “**Eva’s Story: When Messages Spread**” (link is found on the class website under Assignments – Digital Citizenship tab)
  3. Write a brief summary of the video.
  4. Answer the following questions:
    - a. What kinds of things do you think Eva and her friend were IMing to one another?
    - b. Do you think it was fair for Eva’s friend’s dad to look at the chat transcript? Why or why not?
    - c. What might be the consequences for Eva of her dad knowing about the IM chat?
    - d. Why might Eva have said things on chat that she wouldn’t say in person?
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### Case Study #1: Emma’s Secret Crush Goes Viral

1. Create a new page on your website titled “Digital Citizenship: Emma’s Secret Crush Goes Viral”
2. Read the following case study:

Over the past few weeks, Emma has developed a huge crush on Jose. She thinks he might like her too. She knows gossip travels like lightening at school, so she tells only her best friend, Chantal, by texting her after school: “Do you think Jose likes me? I kinda have a little crush on him.” Emma also swears Chantal to secrecy over the phone later that night. Though Chantal vows to keep her secret, she forwards Emma’s text to Zeke, who forwards it to a friend, who... you know the rest! The next day at school one of the soccer players, Ted, texts Emma: “Emma + Jose = so adorable”. Emma is shocked and embarrassed because she told only her best friend, and then swore her to secrecy.
3. Write a summary of Case Study #1.
4. Answer the following questions:

- a. If you were Emma, what would you do when you got Ted’s text? Who, if anyone, is most at fault for spreading Emma’s secret?
  - b. How would this situation be different if Emma had told her friends about the crush in person instead of by sending a text message?
  - c. How could Emma resolve or fix the situation herself? Is there a way she could make the situation better?
  - d. Has anyone ever shared information about you or someone you know over IM, text, the Internet, etc. that you wanted to keep private? If so, what did you do?
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## Oops! Broadcast It on the Internet – Day 2

1. Create a new page on your website titled “Digital Citizenship: Brittney’s Story”
  2. Watch the video “**Brittney’s Story: Posting Something You Regret**” (link is found on the class website under Assignments – Digital Citizenship tab)
  3. Write a brief summary of the video.
  4. Answer the following questions:
    - a. Why do you think Brittney and her friends wanted to broadcast themselves in the first place?
    - b. Brittney regrets posting the photos, but are there situations when you think it would be okay, even helpful, to get comments from others online? What are those situations?
    - c. In what ways did Brittney’s actions impact her later? Can you imagine how the posts may impact Brittney in the future, even beyond college?
    - d. Is there anything that you learned from Brittney’s story that made you think about incidents in your own life or your friends’ lives? If so, can you share those stories (leaving out personal details)?
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### Case Study #2: My Secret Diary....Sort Of

1. Create a new page on your website titled “Digital Citizenship: My Secret Diary....Sort Of”
2. Read the following case study:

Tommy has been writing an online blog about his life that he thought was pretty private because he used a username that wasn’t his real name. When his parents asked him why he decided not to try out for the basketball team, Tommy figured out that they had been reading his blog, because it’s the only place that he described being picked on for being short. Tommy is annoyed and surprised because he never told his parents about the blog and certainly didn’t give them his username to access it. His blog is technically public, but he didn’t think anyone could connect the blog with the “real” him. Tommy later found out that his best friend’s parents told his parents about the blog.
3. Write a summary of Case Study #2.
4. Answer the following questions:
  - a. What would you say, if anything, to your parents if you were Tommy?
  - b. How is Tommy’s parents’ reading his blog similar to or different from reading a diary that he’s written in a notebook or paper journal?
  - c. Do you think it’s fair for Tommy’s parents to read the things he posts on the internet, given that his blog is technically public? Why or why not?
  - d. Why might Tommy’s parents want to read his blog? Given these reasons, how would you react if your parents asked to read your email or text messages?
  - e. Have you ever been in a situation where your parents or someone else has asked to read something that you felt was private? If so, how did you feel? What did you do?