



# Are you a **DIGITAL CITIZEN**?

Consider each situation below. Is each student acting as a digital citizen?  
How do these situations relate to your digital life and work?

Situations

**You are bored in class.** You've already finished your work and don't feel like completing the follow-up task. You pull out your cellphone and log in to your social media account.

NO

**You are creating a presentation** for an upcoming project. You found some great photos online to add to the presentation. Because you didn't take the pictures, you listed the location of the picture in the presentation.

YES

**To keep all of your passwords straight,** you use the same password for all website accounts. It seems to make your life easier, but one day you notice that some of your posts to a class blog are missing.

NO

**In your class, the teacher allows you to present learning** in any way using the technology available. You've spent a lot of time exploring different technologies and options, and as a result you're able to select the best presentation method for your work, a narrated video.

YES

**You're using a website to collaborate and share research with your peers** while working on various projects. During the latest project, you and another student could not agree on a topic. Because you were frustrated you made several inappropriate comments about one of the student's posts that everyone in class could read.

NO

Digital Citizenship

 **Responsible Use**

Technology is a tool that we use to entertain, socialize, and learn. We have to be responsible with technology and use it appropriately.

 **Fair Use**

Research is a part of learning, and today's technology makes information easily accessible. However, it is very important that we give credit to the author of the work.

 **Protected Use**

Passwords are the first line of defense in keeping your personal information safe online. Use multiple and unique passwords for your accounts. Also, remember to think before you share personal information.

 **Literate Use**

Knowing how, when, and why you are using technology is critical. Technology will continue to be an important part of your learning and career. Knowing how to use technology and selecting the right technology is essential to your success.

 **Respectful Use**

The words you type have just as much impact as those you speak—and sometimes an even greater impact! Always consider how the words and tone that you use will be interpreted by the reader. Bullying is not OK, and neither is cyberbullying. Think before you type!