

## Middle School Internet Safety

**WebQuest Description:** In this webquest, students will research and discuss safety tips for internet use

**Grade Level:** 6-8

**Curriculum:** Technology

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### Introduction

After an emergency meeting of the parent committee, the parents of Taylor Swift Middle School have banned the use of the Internet at school! After a unanimous vote to put a hold on all Internet activities, the parents of Taylor Swift Middle School vow that they will never again allow their students to be put in danger by giving them access to the Internet. These parents believe that the Internet is nothing more than an unsafe playground. After much pleading for the students by their computer teachers, the parents have agreed to meet again next week for a final vote. Will the Internet be banned forever? Or can the students of Taylor Swift Middle School change their future?

### Tasks

You need to prove to your parents that you understand how to be safe on the Internet and you will only have one chance to do so! At the meeting, your class will show presentations that discuss Internet Safety. If you can show your parents tips and strategies for safe Internet use, you may be able to persuade them to remove the Internet ban.

### Process

Using only the links provided next to each question, you will need to answer the following questions (you should type your answers into a new document using Google Docs. Be sure to number your answers):

- What is cyberbullying? What problems can cyber bullying cause?
- Cyberbullying From the strategies given from this website, which one do you think is the most effective way to deal with a cyberbully? Why did you choose that strategy?
- Cyberbullying Prevention How can I keep my password safe? What is a reason for keeping your password safe and secure? Password Safety Find three examples of things that you should not share with people online and then identify the most important. Give 2 reasons why you should never share this piece of information with people online. Safe Surfing (Note: make sure you look at all of the pages on this link before coming up with an answer) Identify three rules for using the Internet Safely. Highlight the rule that is most important and explain why your group thinks it is the most important.
- Rules for Kids What is a social networking website? How can a social network provide positive social interactions?
- Social Networks (If that link doesn't work, try this one--> Social Networks) Create a pledge to your parents of your willingness to use the Internet appropriately. Your pledge should identify at least 3 safety tips that you learned while conducting your research.

Using your answers, your groups will create a presentation using either Keynote or iMovie to persuade the parents that the internet can be used safely!

### Evaluation

| Category and Score | Beginning (D and Below)   | Developing (C-C+)   | Very Good (B-B+)   | Exemplary (A-A+)   | Score     |
|--------------------|---|---|--|--|-----------|
| PowerPoint         | PWPT missing critical information. Spelling errors present on every slide. No pictures present. | PWPT missing some vital information and errors present. Few pictures present. | PWPT has a good amount of information and is clear. Few errors present. Pictures present on every slide. | PWPT has all necessary information present. No spelling errors present. Pictures present on every slide. Slides include animations and transitions | 30 points |



strangers is an invasion of their privacy.

5. You do not have to answer emails or IMs from people you don't know. As a matter of fact, you shouldn't. Who knows who they are? Even if they say they're "David's friend," David could be a lucky guess. "Kids" you meet in chat rooms may actually be creepy adults.

6. There's no such thing as "private" on the Internet. You may think so, but it's not true. People can find anything they want — and keep what you post — forever.

7. Be careful about posting pictures of yourself (if you must, don't post sexy ones or ones showing behavior you wouldn't want your mom, teacher, boss, or potential college advisor to see). Just because an older sibling has posted snaps on a site doesn't make it a smart or a safe idea. Pictures with identifiers like where you go to school can be shopping lists for online predators and other creeps.

8. Don't send pictures of other people. Forwarding an embarrassing picture of someone else is a form of bullying. How would you like it if someone did that to you?

9. Don't download content without your parents' permission. Many sites have spyware that will damage your computer. Other sites have really inappropriate content. Your parents can check your computer's URL history, so you can't hide where you've been.

10. Never share your password with anyone but your parents.

## Teacher Page

**Standards**

**Credits**

**Other**