



Profile Penalty



Overview

Students will watch the NSTeens video “Profile Penalty” and discuss how the actions they take online have offline consequences. They will create a Q&A Sheet using PowerPoint to share with their peers.



Materials / Preparation

- Video - “Profile Penalty”
- Attachment 1 - Q&A Sheet instructions
- Computer lab or computer hooked up to an LCD projector
- Scissors
- Glue



30 minutes



Introduction

Pose these questions to the class:

Have you ever posted something online that embarrassed you?

Have you ever posted something online that got you into trouble?

If not, what kinds of things could you or your friends post online that might embarrass you or get you into trouble?

Allow time for discussion and encourage students to think about the kinds of information and images they post online.



Activity

Show the NSTeens video “Profile Penalty” and allow for a short discussion afterwards:

Why did Tad want to change his profile?

How would the things on his profile affect his football scholarship?

Besides your friends, who else might look at what you post online?

How might this posting affect your future plans?

Give each student a copy of the Q&A Sheet instructions (attachment 1). You may choose to have students complete this activity individually or as a group. Ask students to take a few minutes to answer the questions provided before they start designing their Q&A Sheet in PowerPoint.

Hint: You may want to do this activity yourself and pass around a sample Q&A Sheet for the students to use as an example.



Follow-Up

Post the Q&A Sheets in the hallway for other classes to learn about future consequences. Consider

organizing a Q&A session with other classrooms so students can discuss this issue with their peers.



Q&A SHEET INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

Answer the questions below.

1. How do you decide what information and images to post online?
2. What information and images are OK to post? What's not OK to post?
3. Why do people post inappropriate messages and pictures online?
4. Who can see the things you post online?
5. Is there any way to guarantee complete privacy when you post things online?
6. How might things you post online affect your future?

STEP 2

Create Q&A slides in PowerPoint by following these simple instructions.

Page Setup

1. Open a new document in PowerPoint. Click on *File*, then *Page Setup*.
2. Change the handout orientation to *Landscape*. Click *OK*.

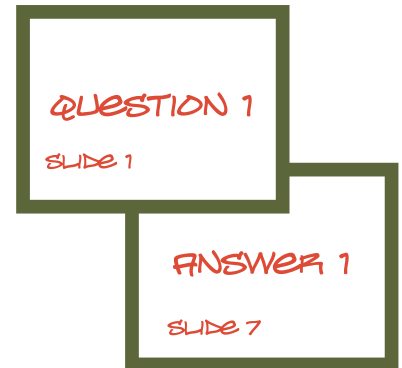
Create Slides

1. Create 12 slides for your Q&A. Be sure your slides are in the following order:

Slide 1 → Question 1	Slide 7 → Answer to Question 1
Slide 2 → Question 2	Slide 8 → Answer to Question 2
Slide 3 → Question 3	Slide 9 → Answer to Question 3
Slide 4 → Question 4	Slide 10 → Answer to Question 4
Slide 5 → Question 5	Slide 11 → Answer to Question 5
Slide 6 → Question 6	Slide 12 → Answer to Question 6

2. Add graphics- try ClipArt, WordArt, backgrounds, and borders.

Make it your own!



STEP 3

Print your Slides.

1. Click on *File* and select *Print*.
2. Print as a handout - 6 slides per page (the questions will be on the 1st page, and the answers will be on the 2nd).
3. Cut the bottom and sides of each slide on the Question Sheet to create flaps. (Be careful not to cut the top!)
4. Glue the Question Sheet on top of the Answers Sheet. (Be careful not to glue the flaps down!)
5. Now lift the flaps to see the answers to the questions.

STEP 4

Share your Q&A Sheets! Pass them around the room to see how other people answered.

