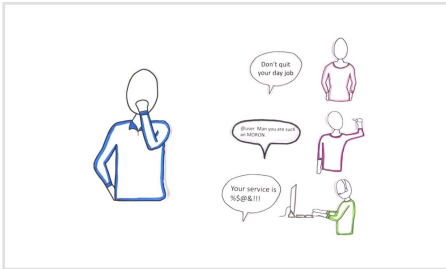


## Lesson Plan

This lesson plan is designed to help you teach using a Common Craft video. Use the information below to introduce the video and then follow the video with discussion questions and other resources.



[commoncraft.com/video/online-citizenship](https://commoncraft.com/video/online-citizenship)

**ISTE Standard:**  
**Digital Citizen**

**ACRL Info literacy Frame**  
**Information Has Value**

# Online Citizenship

Explained by Common Craft

This is the short story of a man who discovers his words online matter more than he realized, and that citizenship and respecting others is important for his communities, both online and off.

## Learning Outcomes

- Identify ways you are an online citizen
- Describe what it means to be a good online citizen
- Explain reasons why a person may behave negatively in the online environment

## Discussion Questions

### Q #1

What solutions would you suggest for creating an environment of online citizenship?

### Q #2

How would you approach an offline friend who does not treat people online with respect?

### Q #3

Do you think it is easier to bully someone online rather than in person? Why or why not?

## Knowledge Check Q&A

### Q

Why might a person who cares about the feelings of others write provocative and mean-spirited comments to others when online?

### A

The person might feel disconnected from others on the Internet and may not consider the targets of those comments as real people.

### Q

What is online citizenship?

### A

It is the quality of giving people online the same respect you would give them in the real world even when you do not agree with them.

**Q**

What two qualities are required of all citizens to have a safe and productive community?

**A**

1) awareness 2) effort

## Resources for Learning More

### **NYTimes**

**Nick Bilton**

“When the cyberbully is you” May 2015

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/30/style/when-the-cyberbully-is-you>

### **TED Talk**

**Juan Enriquez**

“Your online life, permanent as a tattoo” February 2013

[https://www.ted.com/talks/juan\\_enriquez\\_how\\_to\\_think\\_about\\_digital\\_tattoos](https://www.ted.com/talks/juan_enriquez_how_to_think_about_digital_tattoos)

### **Digital Citizenship Institute**

“Nine themes of digital citizenship”

[http://digitalcitizenship.net/Nine\\_Elements.html](http://digitalcitizenship.net/Nine_Elements.html)

### **Edutopia**

**Amy Erin Borovoy**

“5-minute film festival: Teaching digital citizenship” Revised 10/24/2014

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/film-festival-digital-citizenship>