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.

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

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

Digital Citizenship Institute  
“Nine themes of digital citizenship”  
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