Directions

Imagine there's a kid in one of your classes named Jeff. You know him, but not very well. You notice that he is friends with one of your friends on the social networking site MyBook. His profile is public, so you decide to check it out.

Some information posted in Jeff's profile is below. Your group will be assigned to analyze **one** part of this profile and answer questions.

Topic 1 of Jeff's profile: Privacy

YourPalAl says…

Seems Matt's parents are fighting again — he's been on my couch all week. Any chance you could house him for a night or two?

Q1: *Was it appropriate for YourPalAl to post personal information about Matt on Jeff's profile? Are there any potential benefits or harms in having Matt's story shared online?*

Q2: *When you see Matt at school tomorrow, will you treat him any differently? What effect might seeing his personal information online have on how you think about or treat him offline (i.e., face-to-face)?*

Q3: *Are there any other ways that YourPalAl could have used digital technology in trying to help his friend Matt?*
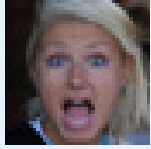
Q4: *What would you have done if you were in YourPalAl's place? What would you do if you were Jeff? How would you react if you were Matt?*

Topic 2 of Jeff's profile: Self-Expression and Identity

RosyRosa says…

Have you seen Lisa's new profile pic?? Lol, she's trying to be all goth for her online 'friends' or whatever.

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Judging Jeff's Profile

The trouble w/Ty says…

OMG, Lisa's such a freak

Q1: *Why do you think Lisa may have chosen a new "goth" profile picture? Is there any harm in her presenting a different identity online?*

Q2: *Imagine that Lisa's online friends had never met her face-to-face, and that once they did they discovered she doesn't actually dress goth. How do you think they would react?*

Q3: *Why might RosyRosa and The trouble w/Ty be reacting negatively to their friend's new picture? Is it right for them to respond the way they did?*

Q4: *What would you have done if you had seen a profile picture like Lisa's, that didn't seem real? How would you react to RosyRosa and The trouble w/Ty's postings if you were Lisa?*

Topic 3 of Jeff's profile: Connected Culture

Pat says…

Can you believe the dumb assignment Garrett gave us? You should totally join our I Hate Mr. Garrett page: http://honkifyouhategarrett/fh.

Q1: *What do you think of Pat and his friends creating such a page?*

Q2: *Do you think Jeff has a responsibility to address or comment on Pat's post? What are some things he might do?*

Q3: *How would you react if you really liked Mr. Garrett, and you saw this post from Pat? Would you do anything about it? If so, what would you do?*

Q4: *How would you react if you saw a page like this created about you? What would you do if you saw a page like this about a friend or a teacher?*
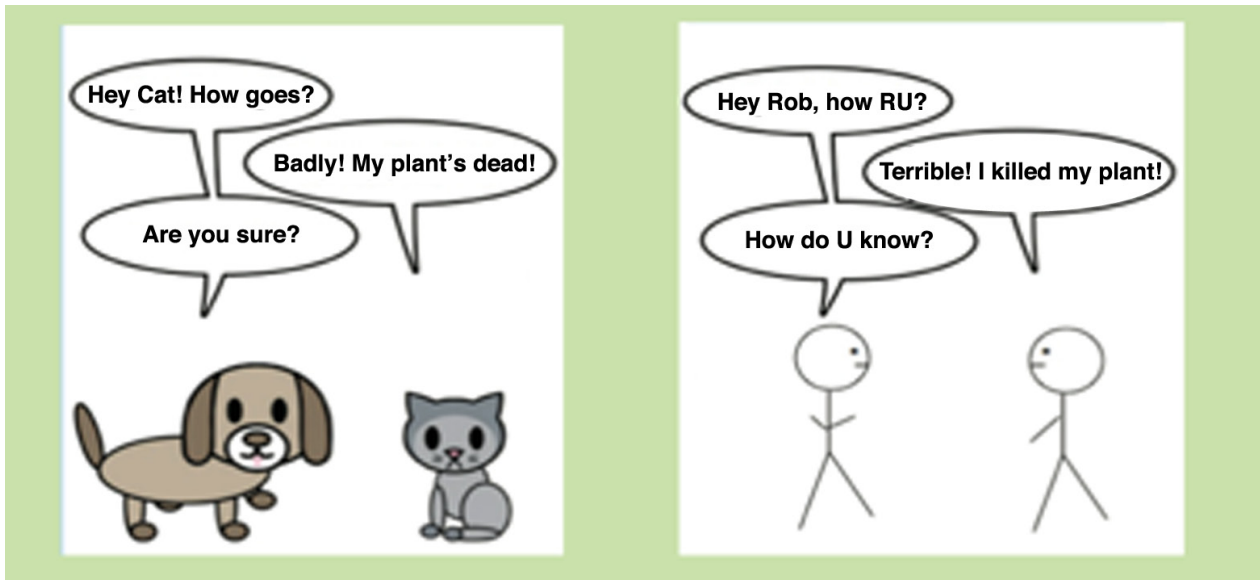
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Topic 4 of Jeff's profile: Respecting Creative Work

Subject: Irritated…AGAIN

posted by Jeff at 7:30pm | comments (3)

So, it has happened again. For Garrett's art class we had to do these stupid online group comic projects. Not only did my horrible partners stick me with all of the work, but I just found out that one of them emailed my comic to her friend in the other class who ripped it off! NOT cool.

Check it out – here's a piece of mine on the left, theirs on the right.

Q1: *What do you think of the student work on the right? Do you think Jeff's work inspired the other artist, or that the other artist plagiarized his work?*

Q2: *What if the comic artist on the right had included a credit line that said "Based on a concept by Jeff," and asked Jeff's permission to use it. Would that still be plagiarism? Would it be ethical?*

Q3: *Clearly Jeff is bothered that someone "ripped off" his comic. What if, in a written entry about music, he provides a link for downloading a new album for free? Do you think the two things are similar or different? Why?*

Q4: *What would you do if you were in Jeff's situation and someone else had plagiarized your work? What if you knew about an instance in which someone else's work had been plagiarized?*