Profile Penalty

Overview

Students will watch the NSTeens video "Profile Penalty" and discuss online reputations and responsibilities. They will write a story illustrating the consequences of posting something inappropriate online and present that story in PowerPoint using action buttons.

Materials / Preparation

- Video - "Profile Penalty"
- Attachment 1 - Interactive Story Instructions and Outline
- Computer lab or computer hooked up to an LCD projector
- Paper doll

30 minutes

Introduction

Cut out a plain paper doll ahead of time and hold it up for the class to see: *Imagine this doll is someone's online reputation. Right now it's clean and smooth. But what if we damaged that reputation?* Pass the paper doll around the room and let the students damage it by crumpling it, ripping it, and writing on it. Now have one of the students try to fix it. *Just like we can't make this doll look completely clean and smooth again, you may not be able to fix your reputation once you post something inappropriate online.*

Activity

Show the NSTeens video and allow for a short discussion afterwards:

Why did Tad want to change his profile?
How would his postings on his profile affect his football scholarship?
Besides your friends, who else might look at what you post online?
How might it affect your future?

Give each student a copy of the Interactive Story.

Instructions and Outline (attachment 1). You may choose to have students complete this activity individually or as a group. Allow at least 5 minutes for students to write out their story before they start designing it in PowerPoint.

Hint: You may want to do this activity yourself and demonstrate for your students before you have them do it on their own.

Follow-Up

Host a story time for other classrooms so students can present their interactive stories to their peers.

Interactive Story Instructions

Have you ever thought about the possible consequences of what you post online?

Write a short story that shows what can happen when you post something inappropriate online.
Then follow these simple directions to design an interactive PowerPoint presentation for your story.

Step 1

Write your story!
Make up a character who posts something online that gets him/her into trouble with 3 different people.
Use your own, or use the ideas below for help.

A What did your character post? CHOOSE 1	B Who saw it? CHOOSE 3
an embarrassing picture	parents/guardians
personal information	friends
an inappropriate video	teachers
a threat	police
a video of a fight at school	employers
a blog complaining about teachers	college recruiters

Step 2
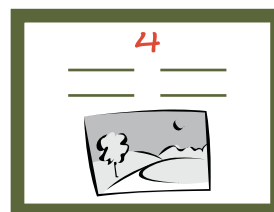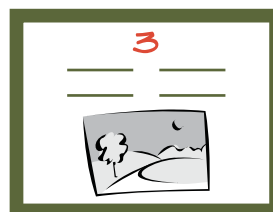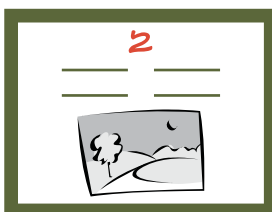
Create your slides!
Your story should include the following:

1 Title Slide

2-3 Story Slides

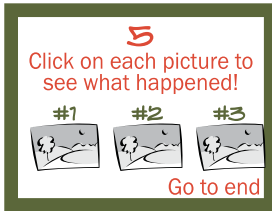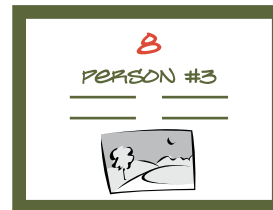What did your character post online? Use words and pictures to tell your story.

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STEP 2 *CONT.*

1 Interactive Slide
Who saw it? Use a picture for each person.

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5
Click on each picture to
see what happened!
#1    #2    #3
[img] [img] [img]
              Go to end
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3 Consequences Slides
What happened when each saw it?

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6                    7                    8
PERSON #1            PERSON #2            PERSON #3
____  ____          ____  ____          ____  ____
   [img]               [img]               [img]
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1 Conclusion Slide
What lesson does your story teach?

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9
CONCLUSION
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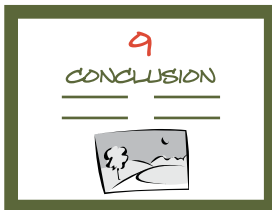
STEP 3

Make it interactive!
Action buttons let you click between slides. Follow these simple directions to add Action Buttons in your story.

ClipArt Action Buttons:
1. Each of your pictures on the Interactive Slide will be an action button that links to the correct consequences. Right click on the image.
2. Select *Action Settings*.
3. Select *Hyperlink to Slide* and choose the correct number slide that image should link to.

Preset Action Buttons:
1. Add Back Buttons to each of the Consequences Slides so you can get back to the Interactive Slide. Select *AutoShapes* in the toolbar at the bottom of the screen.
1. Select Action Buttons and choose which one you want. (Hint: Rollover the button with your mouse to see what it does!)
2. Click and drag the button to the place where you want it to be on the slide.
3. A dialog box will pop up asking where you want the button to lead when you click on it. Select *Hyperlink to Slide* and choose the Interactive Slide.

STEP 4

Preview your story!
1. Click on *Slide Show* at the top of the screen.
2. Select *View Show*. Check to see that all of your Action Buttons are working.

STEP 5

Share your story!

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