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Classroom activity: digital footprint and reputation

Debate: the pros and cons of social media

Grades 7-9

Social media can have both positive and negative effects on life. In small groups, choose a side and work as a team to put together a list of points that highlight either the positive or the negative of social media.

From these points, create a structured argument that you can use in a friendly debate with your classmates who have taken the opposing view.

Here are some suggestions to get you started:

Pros:

- Make new friends
- Keep in touch with family

Cons:

- Cyberbullying
- Unable to permanently delete messages/posts

After your debate, come together as a class and discuss what conclusions you have made about social media. How could you put these learnings into practice?

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