Week 1: Introduction to Digital Activism

Theme: What is digital activism and why does it matter?

Objectives:

- Define digital activism and its evolution.
- Identify different forms of digital activism.
- Understand the impact of digital activism globally and locally.

Content to Include:

- Overview video or slideshow: <u>TedTalk Digital Activism: Using Technology to Empower Change by Darrick Morrison</u>
- Interactive timeline exploration: Interactive timeline
 - o Time: 20 minutes
 - Using the interactive timeline, students locate and answer questions on major digital activism events.
- Definitions + types of digital activism (e.g., hashtag activism, digital art, protests, campaigns)

Documents to Design:

- Glossary of Terms
- Timeline Scavenger Hunt

Activities:

- Timeline scavenger hunt activity
- Reflection writing: "What cause do I care about most and why?"
- Group discussion prompts

Resources:

- How digital Activism is changing social media by BBC World Service
- Digital Rights Toolkit
- MobLab- Digital Activism Training/Coaching
- Reading: Short excerpts from "Power to the People" archive