Curriculum: Understanding YouTube & Digital Citizenship
Lesson 3

Overview

We have devised an interactive curriculum aimed to support teachers of secondary students (approximately ages 13-17). The curriculum helps educate students on topics like:

- YouTube's policies
- How to report content on YouTube
- How to protect their privacy online
- How to be responsible YouTube community members
- How to be responsible digital citizens

We hope that students and educators gain useful skills and a holistic understanding about responsible digital citizenship, not only on YouTube, but in all online activity.

Lessons

Below is a list of lessons, and the recommended flow for delivery. Lessons are designed to fit within 50 minute classes, but can be adapted to fit your schedule:

1. What Makes YouTube Unique - basic facts and figures (40 minutes) - Teacher's Guide, Slides
2. Detecting Lies - (35 minutes) - Teacher's Guide, Slides
3. **Safety Mode** - (5 minutes) - Teacher's Guide, Slides
4. Online Reputation and Cyberbullying - (45 minutes) - Teacher's Guide, Slides
5. Policy - The Community Guidelines (30 minutes) - Teacher's Guide, Slides
6. Reporting content - Flagging (20 minutes) - Teacher's Guide, Slides
7. Privacy part 1 - (40 minutes) - Teacher's Guide, Slides
8. Privacy part 2 - (50 minutes) - Teacher's Guide, Slides
9. Copyright - (40 mins) - Teacher's Guide, Slides
10. Additional resources/Appendix including parent resources - Teacher's Guide, Slides

You can download the full Teacher's Guide here.

Lesson 3 - Safety Mode

Time
5 Minutes

Lesson objective
Become familiar with what safety mode is, why you should use it and how to enable it for you and your family.

Standards/competencies
Easy to use technical option for filtering out content on YouTube

Materials/preparation
Videos loaded
Projector
Individual computers for each student or small groups of students

Instruction
Many people are not aware of YouTube Safety Mode. Safety Mode gives users the option to choose not to see mature content that they may find find offensive, even though it's not against our Community Guidelines. When you opt in to Safety Mode mode, videos with mature content or that have been age restricted will not show up in video search, related videos, playlists, shows and movies.

Review the information on page 1 with the group.
Key points to highlight are;
1. Safety Mode is easy to enable and filters out potentially objectionable content.
2. It doesn't remove the content from the site but rather, keeps them hidden for the user.
3. It is an 'opt-in' setting so must be enabled by the user.

Teacher note
At this point, you or a class volunteer should enable safety mode for the remainder of the lessons, if it is not yet enabled on your account. Remember, safety mode is browser-specific so if you switch browser, you may need to enable safety mode again.

Instruction
Watch the video tutorial on Safety Mode. Here is a script to accompany the video which the teacher may wish to read aloud to the class;
> "Start by scrolling to the bottom of a YouTube page. The page in the video displays some search results. In the new YouTube interface, on the third line it should say 'Safety: Off', click on this to find the option to turn on Safety

Mode. Once you select 'on', you must then hit 'lock safety mode on this browser', before you 'save'."

At the end of the page you can see a screen-shot that shows the current safety mode interface on YouTube. On the last line and far-right you can see the option for Safety Mode and whether it is 'off' or 'on.'

Everyone should now be able to identify the YouTube Safety Mode setting. It might be a good idea to suggest that students tell their parents and siblings about Safety Mode so that they can explore YouTube together.