Summer Reading or Activity 3.1.1

Reflections and guided reading questions for "Blown to Bits: Life, Liberty, and Happiness After the Digital Explosion." Second Edition.

Chapter 1

1. It has been 15 years since the first edition came. Technology has changed a lot. List three concepts that you learned by reading this updated book.

Chapter 2

1. How can your personal information be collected and used without your knowledge or consent?
2. What are the challenges of balancing privacy with the benefits of technology?
3. How can society work to protect people's privacy while enjoying the benefits of digital technology?

Chapter 3

1. How has technology made it easier for people to collect and share information about others?
2. How has this led to loss of privacy?

Chapter 4

1. How is the Internet organized?
2. How do search engines like Google pull up websites from a vast amount of data on the Internet?
3. Who are gatekeepers and what is their role?

Chapter 5

1. How has encryption become an essential tool for protecting digital information?
2. How has encryption evolved since the first edition of the book came out?
3. What attempts have the government made to protect our privacy and security?

Chapter 6

1. What is the Digital Rights Management (DRM)?
2. How does DRM affect ownership of digital content and who does it affect?
3. What are the benefits of DRM restricting access to digital content?
4. What harm comes from DRM restricting access to digital content?

Write a short summary for the rest of the chapters and come up with some of your own questions and answers.