Common sense education

GRADE 7: THE POWER OF DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS

Video Discussion



What You'll Need: • <u>Video</u> • <u>Student Handout</u> • <u>Student Handout (Spanish)</u>

Activity Steps

- 1. **Introduce** the video topic to students by saying: Today we're going to watch a video exploring what a digital footprint is and what yours conveys.
- 2. **Show** the <u>What's in Your Digital Footprint?</u> video (1:07 minutes). (Note: The video is also available in Spanish, and you can also use the video player to turn on subtitles.)
- 3. Lead a class discussion exploring the questions below.

Distance learning option: Have students watch the video and complete the handout. If there's time, have students share their responses during a video meeting.

Discussion Questions

- 1. According to the video, what do the following images have to do with the term "digital footprint"?
 - A lighthouse
 - A copier
 - A whisper in the ear
 - A stadium and a jumbotron
 - A permanent marker

Sample responses:

- The images show some of the things that make digital footprints unique. A digital footprint:
 - Can be searched (lighthouse)
 - · Can be copied (copier)
 - Can be shared widely (whisper in the ear, and stadium/jumbotron)
 - Is permanent (permanent marker)
- **2.** How does it make you feel knowing that everything you do online is stored and can be searched for, shared, or even broadcast?
 - Answers will vary.
- 3. What does it mean to have a positive digital footprint?

Sample responses:

• Emphasize that a positive digital footprint is One that portrays the real you that you are proud of and would be OK with other people seeing.



