Common sense education

GRADE 8: DIGITAL MEDIA AND YOUR BRAIN

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 how digital media tries to hook you and what you can do about it.
- 2. **Show** the video <u>Teen Voices: The Pressure to Stay Connected</u> (3:19 minutes). (Note: Use the video video player to turn on subtitles in Spanish.)
- 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.** What media habits did teens talk about? Sample responses:
 - Checking their phones regularly
 - Binge-watching shows and videos
- **2.** Which features of design hooked them? Can you think of other features that weren't mentioned in the video?

Sample responses:

- Autoplay on Netflix and YouTube
- Likes and comments on social media apps
- Goals and levels in online gaming
- **3.** Do you think their media habits add value and meaning to their lives? Explain.
 - Answers will vary.



