

# Information & Media Literacy



Digital literacy and well-being: Thinking critically and using technology responsibly to learn, create, and participate

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**WE ARE CRITICAL  
THINKERS AND  
CREATORS.**



You've been learning about being a critical thinker and creator, and now it's time to help your family do the same!



**Pssst** -- You're at an advantage, because you're also powerful. Not only do app developers adjust their products around your likes and dislikes, but also you grew up with smartphones and social media. Now you're learning how to be a responsible digital citizen. It's time for you to be an expert for your family and share your knowledge with them.

In class you used some resources, wrote down ideas, and formed opinions. Now it's time to share them. So, grab an available family member, and show them what you know.

## 1 Discuss

Start by choosing one of the questions below. Once you've chosen, take a few minutes to discuss your ideas together. Remember, just like in class, there's no right or wrong answer, but be sure to support your ideas with reasons:

- How can you avoid being fooled by fake online information? How can you check to make sure an article or video is factual and real (not altered or staged)?
- How might personalized content -- determined by what we like, follow, and click on -- create problems when it comes to news? How might these "filter bubbles" influence our lives?
- Since "clickbait" is often fake information designed to get you to click (so websites can make money), how can you recognize a clickbait headline?

## 2 Share

Now share your completed assignment and -- if you have time -- show one or more of the resources you used in class. Take another minute to discuss:

- What do you think are the most important things to know about this topic?

## 3 Reflect

Answer this question together:

- What can we do as a family to make sure we're thinking critically about the news (having discussions with each other, finding multiple sources on the same topic together, etc.)?

**Make sure to keep talking!**

Learn more ways to think critically about the news at [commonsense.org/media-literacy-tips-for-families](https://commonsense.org/media-literacy-tips-for-families).