

Lesson Plan

This lesson plan is designed to help you teach using a Common Craft video. Use the information below to introduce the video and then follow the video with discussion questions and other resources.

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commoncraft.com/video/online-basics-online-accounts

ISTE Standard:

Digital Citizen 2a

ACRL Info Literacy Frame:

Information has Value

Online Basics: Online Accounts

Explained by Common Craft

To access the most powerful parts of the web, people usually need to have accounts on popular websites. This video explains how to create accounts on websites and manage usernames and passwords.

Learning Outcomes

- Explain the role that online accounts play in living a digital lifestyle
- Identify commons types of information that will be required when setting up an online account
- Describe the value of and strategies for developing a strong online password

Discussion Questions

Q #1

Many websites and apps have two versions—one that requires an account and one that is freely accessible to anyone How would you determine which version to use?

Q #2

How does creating online accounts enhance your digital lifestyle?

Knowledge Check Q&A

Q

What are the differences between the two versions of many useful websites and apps?

Α

The first version is public and open to everyone. The second version is private and requires users to have an account and login information.

Q

What are four rules of creating good passwords?

Α

- 1) Pick a password that is difficult to guess. 2) Avoid names, numbers, or dates that are part of your identity.
- 3) Use a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols.
- 4) Hide the password if it is written down.

Q

Why does creating a password require special care?

A: If the password is shared or stolen, it can cause major problems. Someone could use the password to log into your accounts and steal money or your online identity.

Resources for Learning More

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Password Guidance from NIST, September 5, 2017 https://www.nist.gov/video/password-guidance-nist-0

Washington Post

Lorrie Cranor,

You added '!' or '1' to your password, thinking this made it strong. Science says no https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/you-added--or-1-to-your-password-thinking-this-made-it-strong-science-says-no/2017/09/08/0f244e2a-9260-11e7-89fa-bb822a46da5b_story.html?

Wired.com

April Glaser,

You need a password manager. Here are some good free ones, https://www.wired.com/2016/01/ you-need-a-password-manager/