

#IAmTheCheese

STUDY GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

Discussion Points and Activities:

Media Literacy:

Q: What are the pros and cons to internet access and social media?

Online Presence:

Q: How difficult / (im)possible is it to be completely technology free?

Q: What does the world know of you based on your online presence?

Q: What other information do you already have out there? ...social media presence ...online banking / bank card ...online shopping ... browser history ...device usage? How much of a footprint do you possibly have already?

Create a Personal Inventory of your media /network presence

Map out every media interaction / computer network interaction you have on a given day. Think about such things as:

- App usage on phone
- Laptop internet use
- Banking / debit cards
- Gaming
- Online shopping
- Weather & News
- Netflix / Disney / Amazon / etc

Ways to track data:

- Track by time
- Track by type
- Track by individual hits

Reflection:

Q: Do you make conscious decisions about your media / network presence? What sort of things do you do?

Q: Is there anything you'd like to change about how you interact with the internet and social media?

Media / Internet Safety

Q1: What are the advantages/ pitfalls of interacting with people on social media?

Q2: Catfishing - What is it? Have you done it? Do you think people have done it to you? Do you know who you are talking to online?

Q3: Do you know who has access to your info online?

Q4: Is it possible to scrub / remove your internet / online identity? How difficult is it to remove items once they are posted? Can someone do it to you?

Literary Considerations

Q1: What moments of the play are you still thinking about after viewing it / reading it? What most impacted you?

Q2: What do you think happened at the end of the play?

Q3: What moments of the play do you think are believable / unbelievable? Why or why not?

Q4: Who is Edward Snowden? Why is this quote added at the end of the play?

Q5: If you had to write 2 more pages to add to this play, what direction would it take?

Q6: Have you read any other books / seen any other shows / movies with a similar idea?

Q7: Compare #IAMTHECHEESE with Robert Cormier's 1977 novel I Am the Cheese