

Grade 4 - Lesson 7

Uses the Internet competently, safely; evaluates/judges sites for legitimacy, appropriateness

This is a difficult lesson to teach completely within the LAUSDnet, or other school district Firewall, as inappropriate web sites are, for the most part, blocked for students' safety. Students at this age, however, must begin to understand that there are 'strangers' out there on the Internet. Some are pedophiles pretending to be children or teenagers trying to make personal contact with our children after luring them in through on line conversations.

These are very dark and troubling issues to discuss with students. Some schools and school districts have prescribed programs on Internet Safety. Other schools rely on classroom teachers to address this issue. Still others provide parent education that helps spread the word on such dangers, though the success of such efforts depends on parent attendance at these presentations.

There are also many free on line sites that have information on Internet Safety. Here are a few:

<http://www.isafe.org/>

<http://www.staysafeonline.org/index.html>

<http://www.cybersafety.ca.gov/>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/kidsonline/>

Many of these sites, such as I-Safe, offer video clips that illustrate dangers on the Internet. Please view these videos yourself first to determine if the content and comprehension level of the content is appropriate for your students.

In addition to personal safety issues, these sites also discuss other important topics such as copyright infringement (including illegal music and movie downloads) and plagiarism. Students should understand that using copyrighted materials without permission is illegal, and the punishments are real (including

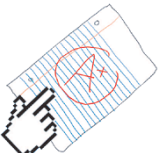
Elementary school is the time to learn, or we may end up sending students to college with the mindset that this type of behavior is permissible. See image and this web link:

OUTSOURCING HOMEWORK

At \$9.95 a Page, You Expected Poetry?

By CHARLES MCGRATH
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THE Web site for an outfit calling Term Paper Relief features a picture of a young college student chewing her lip.



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"Damn!" a little comic-strip balloon says, "I'll have to cancel my Saturday night date to finish my term paper before the Monday deadline."

Well, no, she won't — not if she's enterprising enough to enlist Term Paper Relief to write it for her. For \$9.95 obtain an "A-grade" paper that is fashionably non-"plagiarized." This last, Thanks to search engines like Google, could have become adept at spotting those shoddy downloadable papers that circulate free

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One more aspect of this brief conversation should include the reliability of the information students find on the web, and of the reputation of the site's publishers. Most web sites that contain offensive content, such as racist, sexist, or hate group content will be blocked within the school district's campuses. There will be exceptions, however, as new sites that have not yet been discovered by filters come on line nearly every day. Many sites camouflage themselves to draw impressionable children in. See images and this web link at this hate site frighteningly entitled, "Martin Luther King Jr. – A True Historical Examination":

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Martin Luther King Jr. - A True Historical Examination

That night King returned to this room at the Windsor Hotel. There FBI had reportedly packed up 63 boxes of party chairs, the clanking of chairs and the sounds of intersex including King's voice as he "sang for God" and "The new Negro tonight!"

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Historical Writings
Truth About King and Aspects on His Path to Death of the Dream
The Day King Was Shot
The King Holiday
King in the Bronx and the
Civil Rights Library
Images in people and Events
Jews & Civil Rights
and the Civil War in the Present
Suggested Books
The Life and Work of King

Rap Lyrics - new

Watch the new Martin Luther King Educational Video

Why the new slavery? Because he has been dead!
Learn, Question, Debate
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help students understand that just because something is on the Internet, doesn't mean that it is true. There are likely thousands of sites like this on line. Knowing this helps us understand why filtering is necessary in school, and also understand why it is important to teach students to be aware consumers of content on the Internet.