



BEING A GOOD DIGITAL CITIZEN ON BIBLIONASIUM

Lesson Plan

Key Definitions

Digital citizen: a person who uses an electronic device to communicate and engage with other people

Communicate: to exchange ideas or information

Engage: to actively listen and share

Open the PowerPoint presentation "Being a Good Digital Citizen on BibliNASium." The information below is contained in the notes section of the slides.

Introduction: What is BibliNASium?

Objective: to introduce BibliNASium and digital citizenship.

Encourage students to participate in the discussion, especially if they are already familiar with the concept of digital citizenship. This will help them build on their existing framework of knowledge and make specific applications.

(slide 1 - "Being a Good Digital Citizen on BibliNASium" title slide)

Ask - Think about your favorite book. Now think about how you found it. Was it recommended to you by your teacher? Librarian? Parent? Friend? The internet? TV? (pause for audience response after each question)

Ask - When was the last time you read a book because a friend recommended it? (pause for audience response)

Say - "When you think back on books you've read, chances are most of them were recommended by someone close to you. You may also have found the book via a digital medium, like TV, the Internet or a library database search. With BibliNASium, you can use all of those methods in one place to find books."

Explain - (slide 2) BibliNASium is a place to rate, review and recommend books you have read. You can also use BibliNASium to exchange book reviews and book recommendations with your friends and find new books.

(slide 3) It is a social sharing platform, which means that when you use BibliNASium, you will be connected online to members of your school community.

(slide 4) That makes you a "digital citizen."

Explain - (slide 5) A digital citizen is a person who uses an electronic device.

Ask - What objects could be considered an "electronic device"? (pause for audience response)

Explain - (slide 5) A digital citizen is a person who uses an electronic device. such as (list all applicable audience responses) - (slide 6) to communicate and engage with other people. Communicate means "to exchange ideas or information." Engage means "to actively listen or share."

(slide 7) As a digital citizen, you have a responsibility to put your privacy and safety first, be kind and thoughtful, and remember that words and actions have consequences.

Biblionasium Ground Rules

Objective: to give guidelines for using Biblionasium and help students make real-world applications for digital citizenship.

(slide 8) **Rule #1: Be a responsible member of your school's online community.**

Explain - Being a citizen of any entity, such as a nation, a state, a town, a school, or even a family, means that you have certain rights and responsibilities. In order to be a responsible member of your school's online community, you must keep your information safe and have respect for others. Don't give out any information that would be considered "private" about you or another person.

(slide 9) **Rule #2: Encourage your friends to read.**

Explain - Bullying is not allowed on or off of Biblionasium. Positive, kind words will go a long way to help others feel confident and excited about reading.

(slide 10) **Rule #3: Be thoughtful when you send a book recommendation.**

Activity: Book Recommendation - Hand out the grade-appropriate book recommendation activity and give students time to complete it.

Emphasize:

- Taking the time to carefully choose who you recommend books to and why will be more helpful for everyone.
- Please do not send mass recommendations to everyone each time you read a book.
- Be thoughtful and make sure your recommendations go to the right people.

(slide 11) **Rule #4: Write book reviews that will help your friends discover new books.**

Explain - The only way a book review can be helpful is if it is well-written. Make sure you take the time to check your work. Don't publish book reviews that have errors or are too short to be helpful.

Activity: Book Review - Hand out the grade-appropriate book review activity and give students time to read each review and complete it.

(slide 12) Reflect on how a book made you feel and then share it.

Explain - Your book reviews matter because they tell other people about your experience when you read the book. If it was a great book, share what made it so great so that others can have the same experience. Give your honest opinion.

Emphasize:

- A book **summary** is not the same thing as a book **review**. A good book review includes how the book made you feel.
- Tell others if the book made you laugh, cry, think hard, etc.
- You can tell others what the book is about, but make sure you say it in your own words.

(slide 14) Rule #5: Review what you write before you save it.

Explain - Sometimes when you're interacting online, you may be tempted to publish something too soon or without checking over it first. If you take the time to read over what you've written before you save it, you can avoid sharing things that contain mistakes or are less than your best work.

(slide 13) Rule #6: Be careful what you write on any digital medium; it will stay there forever!

Explain - On Biblionasium, your bookshelf stays with you from grade to grade. Don't write anything you might regret later or give out information that should not be shared. Make sure everything you share is something you wouldn't mind your parent or teacher reading.

Biblionasium Honor Code & Pledge

Objective: to emphasize the seriousness of making a commitment to good digital citizenship on Biblionasium.

Explain - (slide 14) When you log on to Biblionasium for the first time, you will have to agree to Biblionasium's honor code. (read honor code from slide)

Activity: Biblionasium Digital Citizen Pledge - Hand out digital citizenship pledge and have students sign it.

Wrap-Up: Responsibility

Explain - (slide 15) Remember that you are responsible for the way you interact with others online, whether it's on Biblionasium or other services. Things that you do in school can stay with you for the rest of your life. Make good decisions now that will benefit you in the future.

(slide 16) We all need to do our part to keep our online community safe and fun for everyone. Have fun using Biblionasium to share books with your friends!