**Digital Literacy 10 Mr. Aitken and Mr. Prensky**

**Researching and Networking in A Connected World**

Researching and gathering reliable information, as well as the ability to cite your sources is an increasingly valuable tool in our digital and connected society. There is a plethora or unreliable websites, information, and images that makes it difficult to discern what is truthful and what is not. It is increasingly important that you, as digital citizens, learn to search accurately for the information you are looking for, think critically about the material you are viewing, connect with knowledgeable people and sources and be able to store and organize the information you gather in a useful and accessible manner.

You are going to be examining each of the above disciplines and recording your information in an infographic which you will then be posting to the **Digital Literacy 10 Page** in your blog. There are a number of sites with which you can complete your infographic (Piktochart is a free site that works well with your blog, though as long as there is an embed code available you are free to use any site you like)

You will need to watch the following videos and respond to each of the questions in each section in a thoughtful and reflective manner. You should also, where possible, look to use relevant media and incorporate it into each section of your infographic. You will also need to ensure that your infographic is neat, and presentable and that the information is easy to read and digest.

* **Section on proper tips for googling/online searching**
  + 1. Watch the following videos on various tips and tricks to use for Google searches <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0DQfwc72PM>
    2. Describe in detail THREE possible search tools to narrow the focus of your searches.
    3. Perform a search on a topic of your choice
       - Perform it in an incorrect manner and then use one of the techniques to narrow your search – talk about the number of search results for each search and how this would help in your research - provide screen shots for evidence
    4. Pick one of the sites that came up in your search and create a proper citation for that site.
* **Reliability of information**
  + 1. Watch the following videos on finding reliable information on-line:
    2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4h7BLuH6fHs>
    3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3YpCP4fFMHM> (a medical example but still relevant)

* + 1. Explain how you know a site is providing reliable information – what clues do you look for?
* **Personal Learning Network** 
  1. What is a personal learning network – watch the following video and describe in your own words what a PLN is<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLLpWqp-owo>
  2. Watch the following video – complete either 2A. or 2B as a response on your infographic - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XfGnpf9qzs>
* 2A. What does your personal learning network look like? Describe services/apps/or people(networks) that you currently use to learn
* 2B. If you have not started a personal learning network describe the things would you need to do to start a personal learning network.

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| **Analyze (Did you find key information to support your message?)** | **Missing.** | Information given does not support the message that you are trying to present. | Information present but a lot of the information is irrelevant and does not support your message. | Good information. Your information provides insights and supports your understanding but could be more detailed. You may or may not have included some specific examples to demonstrate your understanding. | Excellent information. All your information is insightful and supports your understanding of searching and pln’s. You have also sought to include some additional examples to further demonstrate your understanding. |
| **Audience**  **(What do other people think about the presentation or your information?)** | **Missing.** | The final product does not appeal to the audience. The combination of information and media is minimal and would not prove useful or inspire further discussion. | The final product has only minimal appeal and would generally not be well received by and audience. The information may or may not be useful and this infographic may or may not inspire further discussion. | The final product is appealing and may be well received by an audience. The information present is useful and/or may inspire further discussion on the topic. | The final product is visually appealing and would be well received by an audience. The information present is excellent and could definitely inspire further discussion. |