

Overview

Students will interview a diverse group of internet users and then conduct a gallery walk and discuss the variety they see.

Length

Two class periods, plus time to conduct the interviews

Materials

[The Internet by the Numbers \(World 101\)](#)

Gallery Walk Handout (attached)

Instructional Plan

1. Have students explore Internet by the Numbers and list some identifiers along which internet usage varies. Examples might include
 - age
 - country of residence
 - socioeconomic status
 - community type (urban, suburban, rural)
2. Decide as a class which identifier or identifiers to investigate. Have each student think of someone they can interview in person or by phone or video chat. They might consider speaking to family members, friends, neighbors, or other students at school. On the board, write the list of interview subjects and how they identify in order to ensure that you have a variety of subjects in the class.
3. Ask students to interview their subjects using the attached handout.
4. After the interviews have been conducted, post the handouts around the classroom and along a hallway. Assign students to walk through the gallery in pairs, discussing any patterns and trends that they see.
5. Facilitate a class discussion about the trends and patterns in internet use that students observe.

Extension and Additional Resources

- After the discussion, have students make infographics about what they have concluded.
- Students can supplement their interviews with research of some

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national statistics. The following are particularly useful, and many of the articles in the reading list also offer relevant information.

- Pew Research Center, "[Internet/Broadband Factsheet](#)."
- Pew Research Center, "[Home Broadband 2015](#)."
- Purdue University Center for Regional Development, "[2016 Digital Divide Index \(DDI\)](#)."

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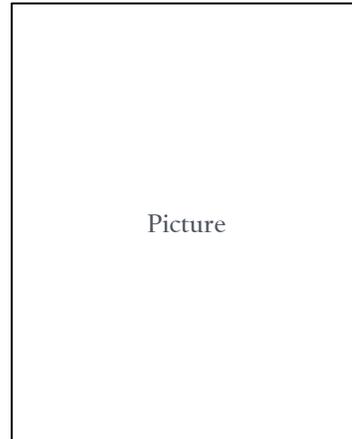
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Name:

Age:

Hometown:

How often do you use the internet?



What activities do you spend the most time doing on the internet?

When do you remember first using the internet?

What would be different about your life without the internet?

What couldn't you do without the internet?

Is there anything about the internet that concerns or worries you?