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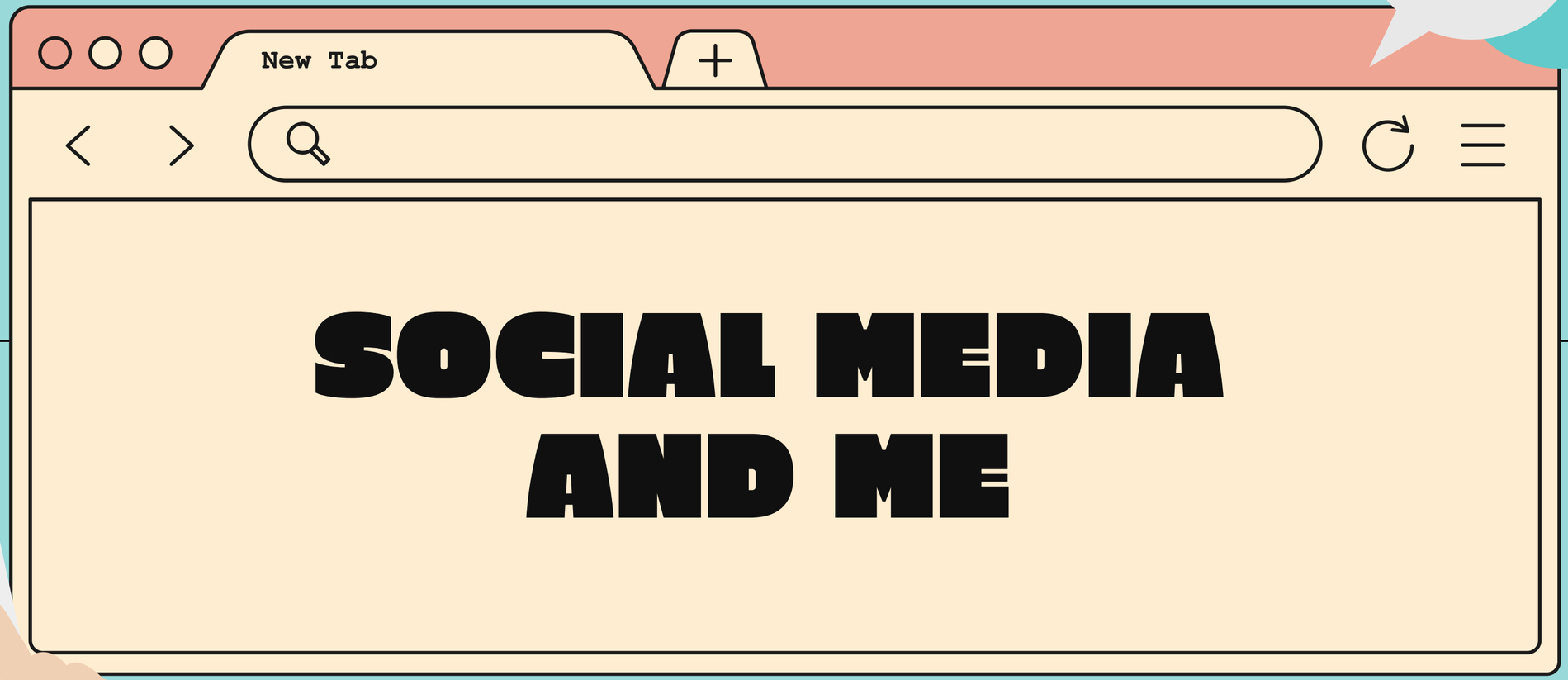

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ME

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Assignment #3

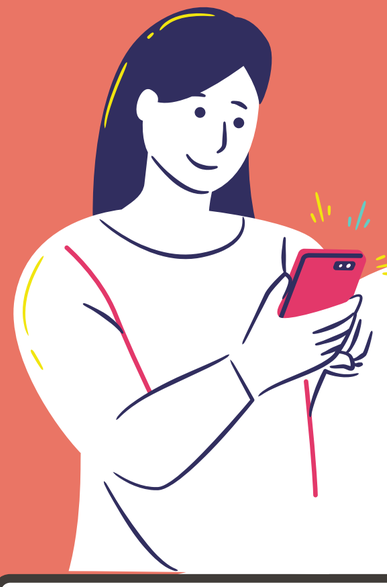
Section 1: Read

How have social media platforms change the way we consume and understand information?

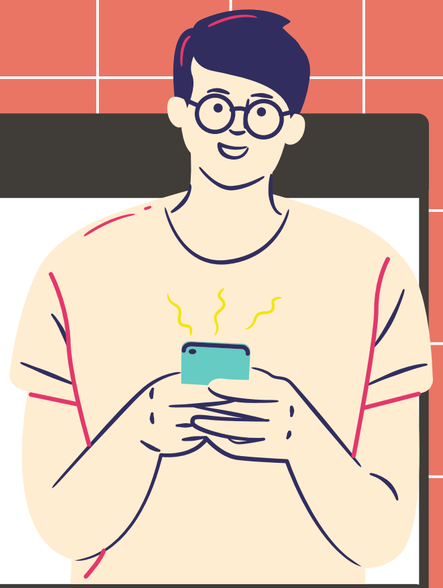
We know how gullible humans are and how we can be manipulated and tricked by just one simple post on the internet, so information networks like Twitter and Instagram were heavily used to provide us with the world's "information" from all possible perspectives. For instance, a foreign source of information could easily mislead the actual event through subjective beliefs, titling captions with what the user feels what's right, and alter pictures/videos taken during the incident, distorting the truth. These networks have the ability to brainwash and manipulate other people's opinions. As long as we use this platform for clarity, we will be trapped in an endless cycle that fuels our desire for this type of media, which may only even spread half the truth and the other with misconceptions. All information is treated the same way, we will absorb whatever there is.

WHEN YOU SEE OR READ "NEWS" ON SOCIAL MEDIA, DO YOU TAKE TIME TO RESEARCH THE STORY FURTHER?

Unfortunately, I rarely take the time to further research the story; however, if it peaks my interest, I consider thinking about it and discussing it with my friends. But even so, the majority of the "news" content I receive online comes from Instagram or other social media platforms, and they rarely share accurate information so I usually ignore the material.



SECTION 2: WATCH



What value do you get from online social interactions?

Having a social networking profile allows you to stay up to date on recent events involving people in your network, it is also a convenient way of keeping touch with old friends, friends who live far away, or even roommates. It can also give you a boost when you post something on the internet when it receives some recognition (e.g. getting likes and more followers on Instagram). Using social media platforms in this manner allows you to connect with others that shares the same interest as you and brings yourself to communicate with friendly strangers online.

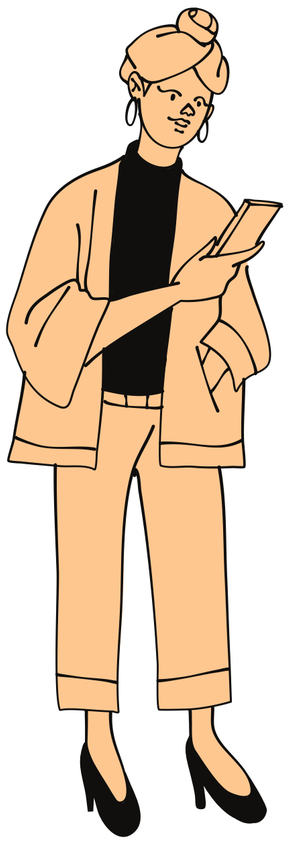
Describe the role of social media and social currency shaping youth culture?

Social media has evolved as an important platform for youth culture. It has had a significant impact on today's children and influences how they interpret themselves. Because social media is generally used to post the highlights and good parts of people's lives, there will be times when the youth and anyone else in the world will compare themselves to those who posted the highlights and begin to feel a little self-conscious of themselves. The only reason for this is that people tend to emphasise only the positive aspects of their lives, making them appear perfect. This situation causes youth to feel stressed, depressed, and even anxious about themselves as a result of their unrealistic standards.

When you post online, do you consider how to post may be seen by others? Explain.

When I post something online, or before I do anything, I ask myself, "Would this harm anyone and come across as something offensive for a certain individual?" Would this have any effect on my reputation from the perspective of another? I always like to post something to express the highlights of my life and to influence the thoughts of others by sharing a common good memory from my life. I sometimes try to put myself in other people's shoes to see if I might annoy them, knowing that hundreds of people can judge me based on what I post.

Section 3: Consider



Do you see any similarities between the world presented in this video and the world you live in?

There are definitely some similar aspects from the tv shows and our current timeline of the world, with similar factors, people determine whether or not to be sociable with you through your appearance or the reputation you give off. In some measures, its similar to the points system cause its all about perception and that there are multiple sides to the story, yet this society also tends to forget about that essence. As a result, teens are becoming ever more obsessed and addicted to technology due to a numerical system of likes found in social network platforms and the attention they crave.

How does the main character gain and lose points? Why are these points important to her?

Through her interactions with others, the main character gained and lost points. Points are significant because they represent one's status in that world and determine how you are treated, parallel to how humanity is treated today; the lower your status, the less likely you are to be relevant to others. In some measures, it's also a matter of democracy, because the majority of the people weren't particularly fond of the man who gave her the smoothie, but she thought it would be a nice for him if she accepted his offer; nonetheless, her rate dropped.

What values might be derived from this type of social interaction?

A value that can be obtained from these social interactions can potentially lead to a desire of ambition craving for more attention, eventually causing narcissistic behaviors with fake lifestyles taking away the ability to properly socialize with others without the aid of technology and devices. These social interactions will influence a sense of desire for attention. For example in the video, being the best or the top of the ratings will be a priority for any individual in the tv program, which can cause them to miss out on a lot of potential relationships without them realizing.

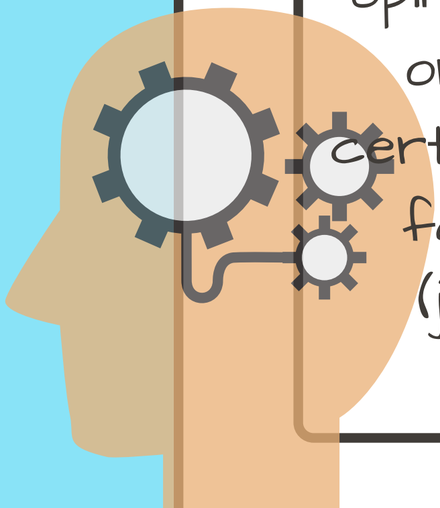
How would your social interactions change if you were a character in these videos?

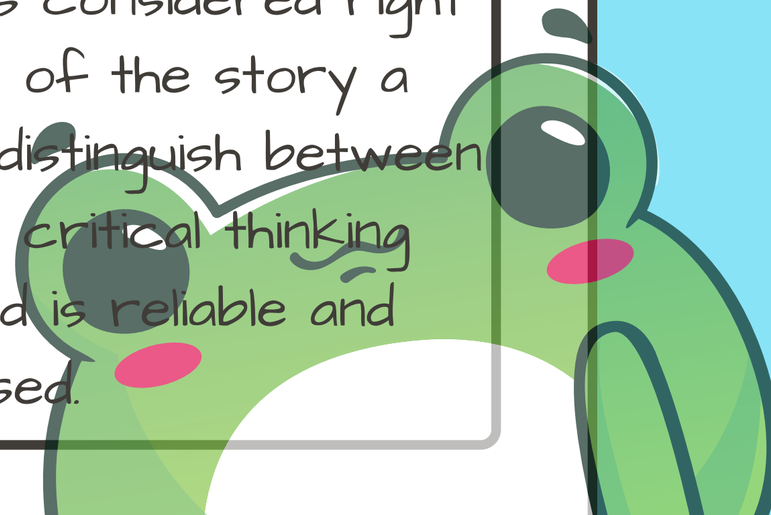
To be honest, it appears that in the television show, your rate is deemed essential to survival and that your reputation plays as significant role in it. As a result, if I were to play as one of the characters in the tv show (regardless of my casting role), I'd try to interact with many people as possible in the most positive aspect there is. Around those people, I would consider the way I behave and act cause it seems like majority of the people in the program will rate me with every little thing I do. I wouldn't want to get to know every single person there is cause that would also increase the number of people who could potentially rate me.

SECTION 4: CRITICAL THINKING CORE COMPETENCY REFLECTION

HOW DID YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FACTS AND INTERPRETATIONS, OPINIONS, AND JUDGEMENTS?

A fact is something that has been affirmed correctly with the aid of evidence to substantiate the statement, and cannot be modified with the interpretation of another's opinion. Interpretation is usually defined and discovered through personal experiences which leads to the idea of opinions, which doesn't necessarily have an answer that's considered right or wrong. It all varies on the perspective and the side of the story a certain individual has gone through. It can be difficult to distinguish between facts and opinions, therefore so we may have to use critical thinking (judgement) to determine if the resource we acquired is reliable and whether its opiniated, factual, or even biased.





HOW DID YOU ANALYZE EVIDENCE FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES?

When analyzing evidence from different perspectives I try to emphasize the story that seems to have the most logical interpretation, while considering looking into multiple sides to the story. I also look where the source of information is coming from to determine whether or not it is heavy bias, and compare with other sites that may carry the same information ensuring that I' am getting the correct information. I also consider if the story I am hearing from provides enough context so I can form a fair judgement, cause I don't want to develop the wrong impression and comment on something I don't fully understand.

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