



Station 4 Activity Guide

Research Yourself

Overview: Do you know how much data about yourself is freely online? If someone were to research you, what would they be able to find? What could they know about you from a simple search? Put on your detective hat and go digging for the data you can find about yourself.

Instructions: Begin by typing in your name. Then, try your name + your school or the name of your city. Even try your name + a sport you play! You can look at search engines, your school website, **social networks**, or any other frequently used website! You can even include posts from social media sites if you can find them.

Record What You Find!

Information	Where you found it



Reflection

What could someone who is researching you find out about your personality/life?

What does this tell us about our presence online with the things we post and the information we make public?

How could this information be used in a hacking situation?

What information poses the biggest threat to your privacy/security?



What Can We Do?

With information online, we can piece together your hobbies, your favorites, and even your personal life. This means that as we become digital natives, the more information there is about us online. How can we avoid this? Do not give away too much information about yourself online. There is no way to hide from the information online, but we can limit it to a certain extent. Also, make sure your accounts are private and that you have a positive footprint online.