

## WRITING PROMPT

# Other Situations

- Your friend is being cyber-bullied by some girls at school. She keeps getting messages on her Facebook page telling her that she is worthless and should just die. Her personality has changed recently and she keeps talking about everything being so hard. You see a change in her dress and she has stopped coming to school regularly. Write a five paragraph essay persuading your friend to share the cyber-abuse with her parents or a school official.
- You've just been given a new assignment for the school newspaper. The editor has asked you to write an article on cyber-bullying. Write a five paragraph essay describing cyber-bullying, signs to look for, and ways to stop this act.
- You see your friends texting hurtful messages to someone and you ask them why they're doing that. They respond to you, "it's not a big deal." You think it's wrong, but decide to keep it to yourself. The next day, you receive an email making fun of a kid in your class. You notice that it went to a large quantity of students. That weekend, you learn that this same student has committed suicide. Write a five paragraph essay explaining why these actions were a big deal and what actions you could have taken to help prevent the outcome.

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- Is cyber-bullying widespread? Is there an effect on both the person being targeted as well as the bully? Write a five paragraph essay sharing answers to these questions.
- Posting pictures online cannot be permanently deleted once uploaded. What would you say to a friend if he/she wanted to upload a suggestive picture online? How could you help a classmate who is being bullied by a picture he/she posted online?
- You are a cyber-bully. Write a five paragraph essay explaining why you have chosen to target someone and what you think others will think of your actions.
- If you know cyber-bullying is happening to a friend or classmate and do nothing about it, what message does this send to the bully?
- If you choose to stand up against cyber-bullying, how have you impacted your school regarding cyber-bullying?
- Social Networking, such as Facebook has become a cultural norm in your generation. It is used as a way to communicate with friends, family, and acquaintances on a daily basis. Although social networking can be used for positive communication, it can also be used as an outlet for bullies to hurt and humiliate others. Have you been affected by cyber-bullying on a social networking site, such as Facebook? If so, how did it make you feel and how did you deal with those feelings?

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