

My Google Footprint

LULAC Program Curriculum: 2021 Conexiones Program

Activity Theme: Self Image and Identity

Estimated Time: 10-15 minutes

Introduction: Remember that your digital footprint is the information about you that exists on the internet as a result of your online activity. But is all of the information found on the internet about you true? Does it accurately represent who you are, your values, and your beliefs? As your digital footprint continues to expand, consider what you want it to communicate about you.

Through this activity you will conduct a search to discover what information makes up your digital footprint.

Materials/Special Requests: Internet access, worksheet

Instructions:

1. Open your web browser and type in Google.com.
2. Type your full name in the search bar and click “search”. Use the accompanying worksheet to document how many results were found.
Example: Melanie Armendariz
3. Type your full name, city and state in the search bar and click “search”. Use the accompanying worksheet to document how many results were found.
Example: Melanie Armendariz Los Angeles California
4. Type your full name and place a set of quotation marks around your first name and another set around your last name, also include your city and state and click “search”. Use the accompanying worksheet to document how many results were found.
Example: “Melanie” “Armendariz” Los Angeles California
5. Type your full name and place a set of quotation marks around your full name, also include your city and state and click “search”. Use the accompanying worksheet to document how many results were found.
Example: “Melanie Armendariz” Los Angeles California
6. As a group, discuss the following questions:
 - Did any of the search results reveal personal information about you? For example, your address, phone number, family members, school, clubs and organizations, or social media account profiles.
 - Did you know this information about yourself was available on the Internet?
 - Did any of the information found in the search results surprise you?
 - What can be some of the consequences, both positive and negative, of having this information available on the Internet for anyone who searches your name?
 - What type of information would you want others to find when they search your name?

OPTIONAL: Google Alerts is a free notification service provided by Google. You can subscribe to search term(s), such as your name, and you will receive email notifications when new results are detected. To learn more, click [HERE](#).

My Google Footprint Worksheet

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Search Results: _____ Time: _____

Type your full name, city and state in the search bar and click “search”. *Ex: Melanie Armendariz Los Angeles California*

Search Results: _____ Time: _____

Type your full name and place a set of quotation marks around your first name and another set around your last name, also include your city and state and click “search”. *Ex: “Melanie” “Armendariz” Los Angeles California*

Search Results: _____ Time: _____

Type your full name and place a set of quotation marks around your full name, also include your city and state and click “search”. *Ex: “Melanie Armendariz” Los Angeles California*

Search Results: _____ Time: _____

List any information you found online about yourself. *Ex: address, phone number, family members, school, clubs and organizations, social media account profiles, etc.*

What type of information would you want others to find when they search your name?
