What’s Your Story?  Project Netiquette

This is the protocol you will follow while working with your assigned partner online. Please take these guidelines seriously! Don’t lose this unique classroom opportunity and, better yet, don’t ruin it for someone else by making a bad or harmful decision. By doing so you may earn a “0” on the final assignment and possibly other disciplinary actions.

Once you have read the netiquette guidelines, sign your name stating your agreement to follow them.

- **Respect people’s privacy.** DO NOT pass on another person’s private information (email, cell phone number, etc) or photos unless you have their permission. Not only is this bad netiquette but you may also be accused of cyberbullying or online harassment. *You are not required to share your phone number or personal email*, but if you choose to do so you will be held responsible for what you share.
- **Avoid conflict.** Trading insults and abuse – ‘flaming’ – is not good netiquette whether it be about your partner or someone else. It is pointless and negative.
- **There’s a person behind that screen:** Remember that an actual person with real feelings, beliefs, imperfections and emotions is behind every message, email or comment. It’s sometimes easy to get carried away and write something that you would not dream of saying to someone’s face and can be mistaken for displaying cyberbullying behavior. Put yourself in their shoes as you write responses, ask questions, and ultimately write *about* them.
- **Adhere to the same standards of behavior online that you are also expected to in real life:** If you can’t say anything nice, don’t say anything at all. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Be kind!
- **Know where you are in cyberspace:** As you communicate with your partner, remember where you are and who is reading it. This project is for school and is being monitored and read daily by your teachers. All school rules/expectations are to be followed at all times.
- **Check, then click.** Before you post or share a document, double check that you are saying exactly what you want to say. One small error can completely change the meaning of your message, so read and read again before sending.
- **Digital Citizenship Policy-** Don’t forget to also keep in mind the everyday technology rules your teachers and schools have in place.

*I have read the guidelines above and agree to follow them.*

Print Name ____________________________________________

Signature ____________________________________________ Date __________

*I have read the “What’s Your Story?” Assignment Sheet and the guidelines above.*

Parent Signature ____________________________________________ Date __________

**Return this form by Friday January 22. Once it is checked off, you will glue this in your notebook (PAGE 99) as a reference.**