

The Bear That Wasn't (Personal vs. Public Identity)

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- video (5 min) adaptation of the book

<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/video/bear-wasnt>

i) Bear Identity Chart worksheet (use with video)

- students look at the difference between how the bear sees himself and how others see the bear

- students think about their own personal vs. public identity

- students think about their digital identity

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1. What words or phrases does the Bear use to define himself? Write these in the middle. What words or phrases do others use to define the Bear? Write these around the middle.



2. Based on how others see the Bear, he only has one career option and is denied other opportunities. Think about and describe a time when someone's perception of you limited what you wanted to do.

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3. How do you see yourself? Write FIVE describing words or phrases.

4. Your digital identity is the persona that emerges from all your online activity, including text messages, online pictures, posts on FaceBook, SnapChat, Instagram, etc. This online persona forms part of your public identity – the way others see you. Think about your online activity. What persona emerges? Why do you believe this?

5. What are some positive and negative consequences to having a digital identity?

6. Do you think your digital identity will limit future opportunities (clubs, jobs, team sports etc.)? Why or why not?