**Module 5 Lesson 1 Assignment: Being a Good Digital Citizen**

Our digital devices and technology can bring a lot to our lives in terms of information and entertainment, but a lot of research has been done lately to study whether our digital devices keep us more or less connected to others. Watch the following TEDTalk by Sherry Turkle, a Professor, author, consultant and researcher, sharing her take on our digital culture. She questions our abilities to have **conversations**with each other in light of technology, and if we are expecting more from technology than we are from each other.

*Are we letting technology take us places we don't want to go?*

Watch Professor Turkle's TEDTalk and complete the assignment below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\_continue=4&v=t7Xr3AsBEK4

Now that you have watched the CBC Marketplace episode on technology, as well as Sherry Turkle's viewpoint on the impact of our connectedness with technology, write a journal entry of approximately 500 words with your viewpoint on the topic of our digital citizenship. Use the guiding questions below in your response:

* Do you find yourself not giving your full attention to others because of your digital devices. Explain.
* Professor Turkle feels that we hide from each other due to our digital devices, therefore creating the "Goldilocks effect". Explain how you have witnessed (or not witnessed this) in your life or in the life of others you know.
* Do you ever feel as though you are not being listened to? Why do you think people who feel not listened to turn to technology?
* What are your thoughts on **solitude**? Professor Turkle states that "Being alone feels like a problem that needs to be solved". Do you enjoy and seek out solitude, or do you avoid it? In your home, do you have a dedicated place for solitude or conversation? Explain.
* How do you feel your cognitive abilities (such as how we learn, remember, problem solve and pay attention) are being impacted by technology? How could you try to limit those distractions?
* Connect the research from the Marketplace episode to the TEDTalk. How is addiction impacting our connectedness? How are app developers not helping with increasing addiction and decreasing connectedness?

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