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**Activity**

Tampa Teen Hacker

MODULE 16: Cybersecurity

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# Module 14: Cybersecurity

## Activity: Tampa Teen Hacker

The student reads about a Tampa teen who was convicted of hacking Twitter accounts and describes how to prevent these types of actions.

## Standards Assessed

* **01.04** Utilize the Internet to find reliable resources and reference materials (e.g., on-line help, tutorials, manuals).
* **01.05** Apply research strategies to use and evaluate electronic research technologies for valid and reliable information.
* **01.08** Describe ethical issues and problems associated with computers and information technology (e.g., fair use, privacy, public domain, copyright, piracy, plagiarism).
* **08.03** Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical issues associated with electronic correspondences (e.g., employer’s ownership of email, public access of government email, appropriate uses in the workplace, phishing attacks, permanence of electronic communications on the internet).

## Teacher Notes

Students will read the article, “Tampa Twitter hacker agrees to 3 years in prison” (<https://www.tampabay.com/news/crime/2021/03/16/tampa-twitter-hacker-agrees-to-three-years-in-prison-in-plea-deal/>) and answer questions to prepare for class discussion.

## Estimated Student Completion Time

* 45 minutes to complete the activity

## Activity Rubric

Consider evaluating the student’s work based on measures of quality. For example, with a maximum of 4 Points Possible, the following could be applied to the activity:

* **1 Point Earned** = ***Needs Improvement*** (the student work did not meet more than 50% of the requirements and did not follow instructions)
* **2 Points Earned** = ***Developing*** (the student met between 50% and 75% of the requirements and generally followed the instructions)
* **3 Points Earned** = ***Sufficient*** (the student met between 75% and 90% of the requirements and clearly followed instructions)
* **4 Points Earned** = ***Above Average*** (the student met > 90% of the requirements and followed all instructions)

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**Students Instructions**: Read the article and answer the questions in preparation for class discussion.

1. Read the article, “Tampa Twitter hacker agrees to 3 years in prison” (<https://www.tampabay.com/news/crime/2021/03/16/tampa-twitter-hacker-agrees-to-three-years-in-prison-in-plea-deal/>).
2. Answer the following questions to prepare for the class discussion:
   1. What did Clark hack?
   2. Who was affected by Clark’s actions?
   3. What was his motive for hacking the various Twitter accounts?
   4. What do you think should be done to prevent actions like this from happening again?