

Student Reflection Page: Juna Griffith

Grade Level: High School

Complete this reflection page after watching the Deeper Look video: Juna Griffith. In this piece, Hillary's mother, Juna Griffith, discusses appropriate computer and Internet use in her family. Write your responses, using examples from the video and your own experiences.

1. Juna Griffith says that kids "need to be watched closely" and that in her family her kids can only use the computer in their family room, and that if her kids change what's on the screen too quickly she thinks something is going on and "the battle's on." How effective do you think Ms. Griffith's approach to monitoring her kids' computer use is? Do you think that her way of monitoring her kids' computer use would be effective for other families? Why or why not?

2. New technology like smart phones make it so that people have access to the Internet everywhere. Juna Griffith does not seem to understand that even if she watches her kids' use of computers in her home, they still could access the internet from phones, tablets, computers at school, etc. Can you think of other adults in your life who, like Ms. Griffith, have a naïve understanding of the pervasiveness of technology in teenagers' lives? How might you explain the role of technology in teens' lives to Ms. Griffith so she can better understand?

3. What would you advise Juna Griffith or any other parent to do to make sure their kids are using their computers and the Internet safely?

4. Consider the way that you use technology in the presence of adults. What about the way you use your technology may look suspicious to an adult observing you? How might you change the way you use technology to demonstrate your appropriate use?
