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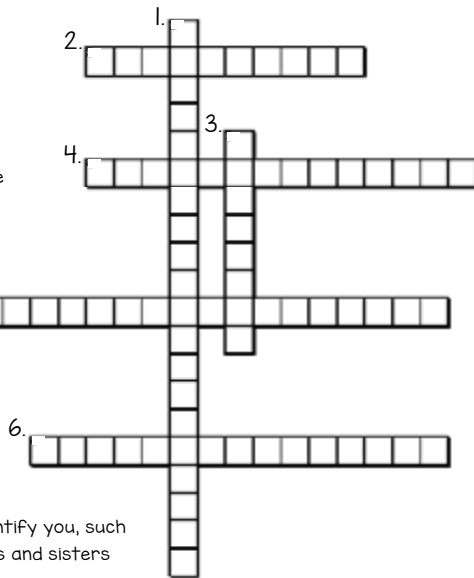
* DID YOU KNOW ...

Signatures are one way that people give themselves credit for their work. John Hancock's signature on the Declaration of Independence is one of the most famous signatures in American history, and sometimes people even call a signature "your John Hancock."

Crossword Puzzle

Across:

2. someone who uses technology tools such as the Internet and cell phones to deliberately upset someone else
4. when a thief steals someone's private information in order to pretend to be that person
5. information that can be used to identify you, such as your Social Security number, postal address, email address, phone number, etc.
6. a member of a worldwide community linked by the Internet



Down:

1. information that can't be used to identify you, such as your age, gender, how many brothers and sisters you have, your favorite food, etc.
3. a formal note of credit to an author that includes their name, date published, and where you found the information

* WHAT DO YOU THINK?

When is it OK to use someone else's words or ideas?

* DO YOU REMEMBER ...

How you can show respect for people's work?

1. Family Activity

Put it in your own words! Practice paraphrasing -- expressing something in your own words -- with a family member. Paraphrasing is an important way to avoid plagiarism. Pick your favorite song or book. Listen (if it's a song) or read (if it's a book) together. Then, see if you can put the main ideas into your own words to tell your family member what the song or book is about. When you're finished, ask your family member to score your paraphrasing by the number of items you completed correctly:

1. Did you use your own words?
2. Did you use quotation marks when using a direct quote?
3. Did you provide a citation that includes the author's name and the title of the work?

2. Tech It Up!

Check out News-O-Matic Daily Reading for Kids, an interactive news app written for kids your age. With a family member, pick an article to read and practice your paraphrasing and citation skills by 1). writing a summary of the article using your own words (and quotation marks for any direct quotations), and 2). writing a citation for the article.

3. Common Sense Says ...

If you're using someone else's exact words, make sure to use quotation marks AND provide a citation. If you're using their ideas but you put them into your own words, you don't need quotation marks, but you DO still need to provide a citation.