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STUDENTS DISCUSS THEIR FAVORITE SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

Maggie Foa 12
 @maggieFoa12
 [Twitter] It keeps me informed.
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Haku Haystead · 12th grade
 [Youtube] I love watching animations and music.
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kaitlyn_callahan_09 [Instagram] Because you can see what everyone is doing, but it also provides an opportunity for people to be creative and express themselves however they want.
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DECEMBER 11TH
CAROLINE CASTER 09
 [Snapchat] Because it is a great way to connect to friends and to connect with friends that you do not go to school with and do not see every day.



IN THE BEGINNING

STUDENTS SHARE THE AGE AND WHAT PLATFORM THEY STARTED USING SOCIAL MEDIA ON

"I think I was nine and I started using Facebook" - **MARCILYA PANJAITAN, 11**

"The spring of 6th grade was when I first got Snapchat and Instagram, and I was 11." - **CLARK PEARSON, 09**

OCTOBER IS TAKEN OFFLINE

STUDENTS TURN OFF SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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Hey have you heard about Offline October?

No? What's that??

Offline October is a movement started to encourage teens to go the whole month of October without using social media. "I feel like it is good for someone who is addicted to their phone but for someone like me who takes constant breaks, I feel like it is the same old same old," said Maddie Minner, 10. However, not everyone thinks positively of it. "I thought it was good in theory and I respected the individuals that genuinely did it, but I have two problems. 1) a lot of people said they did it but I still saw them posting, viewing my Instagram story, etc two weeks in???? 2) I don't think people should have to validate the fact that they're not on social media. it's a little concerning that as young adults we can't make decisions that are best for healthy focus without announcing it," said Daniel Snow, 11.

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SPANISH MEMES & THINGS

SPANISH TEACHER USES INSTAGRAM AND MEMES TO TEACH HER STUDENTS

Social Media, and even memes, can be used for education. Spanish teacher Ms. Sarah Porter exemplified this with her Spanish memes account, @spanishmemes_n_things "Specifically in Spanish, seeing a meme and being able to apply a current grammatical concept or vocab makes learning really "sticky" because you're seeing the language outside of class on your free time. It allows you to build confidence in the language and it associates Spanish with funny things, and gives it a positive connotation. It makes Spanish more relatable," said Ms. Porter. Incorporating learning into entertainment was very beneficial and is an example of how social media could be used for good.

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BY HANNAH ALDER & AMELIE DABERKOW

THE MEMES AND DREAMS OF APSIRING INSTA MODELS

SOCIAL MEDIA: SOME PEOPLE LOVE IT, SOME PEOPLE HATE IT.

Some people are addicted, and some couldn't care less. Either way, we can all agree it has shaped our culture fundamentally. The various uses range from using it for school and studying or talking to friends and killing time. "I like that we get to keep up with people we know that don't necessarily live close to us," said **JENNA WOOD, 10**. On the other hand, many people think it pushes us apart. "[I don't like] the captivating aspect, [it's] time-consuming, and it actually disconnects us," said Sophia Stagner, 11. Some people use it for school, like **HANNAH DEBAGGIS, 11**. "I get all my school work done cause I have unlimited resources." Whatever we use it for, if we use it at all, it is a main part of our day to day lives.

WHY DON'T YOU HAVE SOCIAL MEDIA?

"I used social media for a while but then it just got kind of dumb so I dropped it." - **MICHELLE FRIBERG, 10**

"At the beginning of this year I went through some personal struggles and I kept seeing things online that just generated stress and anxiety, so that's when I decided to delete everything I had. It's made a big difference." - **DANIEL BENSEN, 11**

"My parents allow me to have it but I just don't really want it. I guess I just don't see the point of having it." - **AIDAN HIGHSMITH, 09**

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