

Weekly Reader: Building Background Knowledge

When I first think about texting, I can't help but think about beepers. I am 44 years old. Texting to me is a brand new phenomenon. Texts are the beeper/pager messages of old. But now, instead of just saying call: 321.945.7684, text messages go on and on and on. Some are appropriate: what do you want to do after school? And some are not: "hey sexy, what can you show me.... looking gr8!

According, "Teens Aren't Just Texting They're Sexting," sexting is a message between two people that may or may not include images. Sexts are inappropriate and sometimes could be considered sexual harassment. However, sometimes both parties send these types of messages to each other. Think of the Senator who had to resign amidst charges of sexting a young male page working as an intern on the senate floor. Though this can happen between adults (predators) and kids or teens, it can also happen between kids or teens consensually.

Would you want your daughter sending naked/nude photos of herself to a boyfriend or girlfriend or adult? Of course not, that would compromise her safety and reputation. Well, according to Michelle Martin from NPR, 22% of girls have participated in sexting by sending nude photos of themselves to someone else. Twenty-two percent?

Do these girls know that once encrypted, once published, data never wholly disappears? As MTV says, "it's a thin line between him and the whole school." Now that I'm a parent, I'm going to make my own son, as Johnny Cash says, walk that line.

Introduction: I explain a little bit about what I know about the topic. My purpose in this reflection is connect new knowledge to my own background knowledge

My 2 Body Paragraphs:

First I give the program title and define what sexting –my way of showing 1 thing I learned from the program. Here is where I would pull from some of the notes I'd written down.

I continue talking about the topic in the 3rd paragraph, sharing a specific statistic that I gleaned from the program and connecting to my own knowledge of the dangers of this type of behavior. Again, using specifics from what I heard.

Conclusion: I decided to end with a question that would make my reader connect to something in the real world (indeed it made Darion come up w/ the MTV quote). Then I closed the deal or ended with the quote and an allusion to Johnny Cash's song.

Works Cited

Cash, Johnny. "[I Walk the Line](#)." LyricsFreak.

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