

Lesson #1: The Rubber Band Rule — "Everything You Post Can Snap Back!"

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Grade: 3-6		



1. What Is the Rubber Band Rule?

The Rubber Band Rule reminds us that anything you post, send, or share online can **come back to you later** — even if you delete it. Before posting, always ask:

"Could this snap back on me or someone else?"

2. Snap Back or Smart Share?

Read each online action below. Write SNAP BACK or SMART SHARE on the line.

- Posting a picture of your messy room and making fun of yourself. 1.
- 2. Sharing a rumor because "everyone else is saying it."
- 3. Posting a kind comment on someone's art project.
- 4. Sharing a joke that might embarrass a classmate.
- 5. Posting your pet doing something silly.

3. Think First Decision Boxes

For each scenario, check the box showing what a Media Master would do.

A friend posts something mean about another kid.
□ Like it
□ Share it
□ Think First and choose NOT to share
You find a funny picture but don't know who made it.
□ Stop and check where it came from
□ Repost without reading
A post makes you feel angry right away. ☐ Respond immediately
□ Pause and think before reacting
□ Send it to everyone you know

of 4. Why Might It Snap Back?

Choose one scenario below and write **one sentence** explaining how it could "snap back."

- Posting a private conversation
- Sharing someone's picture without asking
- Making a joke that might hurt someone
- Posting something untrue

My answer:

5. Create a "Snap Back Warning!"

On a separate sheet of paper, design a small **warning label** that could appear before posting online.

- Examples:
 - "Think Before You Click!"
 - "Could This Snap Back?"
 - "Is It Kind? Is It True?"

6. Class Call & Response

Teacher: "Media Masters think before they..." **Students:** "LIKE, COMMENT, or SHARE!"

Teacher: "Because everything online..."

Students: "CAN SNAP BACK!"

💗 7. Media Master Promise

Check the promises you agree to follow:

- ☐ I will think before I post.
- □ I will not share anything mean or hurtful.
- □ I will protect my digital footprint.
- □ I will help make the internet kinder and smarter.

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