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| How addiction to Facebook games affects RI Sec 2 students’ academic performances? |
| Preliminary Ideas |

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Topic: Social Networking-boon or bane?

Sub Topic: How addiction to Facebook games affects RI Sec 2 students’ academic performances?

In the past two to five years, as communication improve over the years; we have seen a rise in the use of social networking sites. The popularity of social networking has increased drastically over the years as more and more of the younger generations remain in contact after school or work, either using computers or phones. Though it is convenient to communicate by using social networking at your fingertips, it brings along lots of problems without careful usage.

For example, some of the teenagers are addicted to facebook and the problem is getting from bad to worse. The effects of addiction are declines in both academic performances and character conduct. Once they are addicted to social networking websites, they tend to neglect their school work and cannot find adequate time to revise for their subjects. For instance, (S.C., 2010) argues that they fail to hand in their homework on time and cannot complete their homework on time or to their standards. Even if they allocate time for studying, they will find it hard to concentrate and to resist the temptation to connect to the internet. Therefore, the worse it gets, the lower the grades the teenager will receive.

Thus I think that finding the cause of the addiction can allow us to curb Facebook addiction of Sec 2 RI students.

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Topic: Social Networking-boon or bane?

Preliminary idea: The study of RI students’ addiction to social networking; how does facebook addiction affect RI sec 2 students’ academic performances?

1. Framing your research topic
2. Normally, students get addicted to facebook because many people find Facebook addicting due to the applications and games, and the fact that they can keep in contact with friends from all around the world. Once they are addicted to facebook; they tend to neglect their school work and cannot find adequate time to revise for their subjects.

c) Parents can help curb a student's Facebook addiction by blocking access to certain websites. There are also parent software that can monitor a child's use of a website and how much time a student has spent there.

2. Reasons for choice of this topic:

A) I have chosen this topic as it is significant to students. By writing this topic will allow students to know the negative effects of addiction to prevent them to be obsessed in social networking.

B) The topic that I have chosen is useful and allows me to investigate and gather more information about addiction to facebook. Thus it enables me to identify the negative aspect of social networking and allows me to provide an evaluation of choices.

C) The topic of research will benefit the students as they will be aware of the negative impacts caused by addiction to social networking. This can also raise awareness among the students.

Feasibility of the project:

A)I think there is a need for my project in the first place as we need to learn the causes and effects of addiction to social networking and think of solutions to this problem. We can also raise awareness among these students to prevent them from being addicted to Facebook games.

B) Yes, I think it is possible to carry out and complete the project as there are media of resources like the internet, library and newspapers for us to search our information from. There is also enough people for us to survey from.

c) Yes I think the proposed course of action is logical and realistic as it is easy to carry out and complete. And by doing this form of research, we can analysis the actual cause of facebook addiction and think of a good solution to the root of the problems.

d) The project is interesting and there is room for thinking for the generation of ideas and there are lots of information and concepts for us to analysis and evaluate ideas.

Manageability of the project:

1. We first think of an issue to research on and do some background research. Then, we will brainstorm for a good choice of focus and conduct surveys. During the RE period, we analysis the ideas and combine them together to form the GPP.
2. The project is widely diverse and there is lots of room of discussion. It generates lots of interest and provides sufficient opportunity for us to evaluate and analysis our ideas.
3. Yes, I anticipate difficulties during the RE project such as difficulty to meet up with group members. I intend to maximise the usage of the time during RE lessons.

Accessibility of the information required:

1. They are the causes and effect of addiction and negative impacts of it on students.
2. I obtain this information from primary sources as it is reliable.
3. The alternatives are like library, newspapers and internet articles.
4. I anticipate some problems like the inaccuracy of information and difficulties in searching for correct articles.

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Appendix (1)

Title:. *Social networking sites are distracting children*

*and affecting academic performance*

A study has pointed out that social networking sites are being blamed for the poor performance of students.   
  
According to a report, children who spend much of their time online find it harder to concentrate in class, are permanently distracted and have shorter attention spans.

Teachers also put the dip in the quality of children's homework down to their willingness to spend their evenings on Facebook and Twitter instead of studying.   
  
And many are unhappy at the increase in the number of children who are using text-speak or social networking chat - such as 2mor, msg, lol and bk - in place of English grammar.   
  
The worrying stats emerged in a study of 500 teachers conducted by leading school trips provider JCA - which motivates personal and social development outside the classroom.   
  
"This research clearly demonstrates that students up and down the country are spending more and more time using social media," the Daily Mail quoted a spokeswoman for JCA Janie Burt as saying.   
  
"Rather than relying on life experiences, educational travel and face to face interaction with others, children are becoming obsessed with social networking and this is shaping their attitudes instead.  
  
"And as the teachers spell out, it is this obsession which has a direct impact on the future of our children - affecting their grades because they fail to complete their homework on time or to the standard required, and being unable to concentrate in class," Burt added.

Read more: [Social Networking Sites are Distracting Children and Affecting Academic Performance](mhtml:file://C:\\Users\\COMPAQ\\Documents\\Social%20Networking%20Sites%20are%20Distracting%20Children%20and%20Affecting%20Academic%20Performance.mht!file:///C:\\Users\\COMPAQ\\Documents\\Social%20Networking%20Sites%20are%20Distracting%20Children%20and%20Affecting%20Academic%20Performance.mht" \l "ixzz1CKqPpHkh) [file:///C:/Users/COMPAQ/Documents/Social%20Networking%20Sites%20are%20Distracting%20Children%20and%20Affecting%20Academic%20Performance.mht#ixzz1CKqPpHkh](mhtml:file://C:\\Users\\COMPAQ\\Documents\\Social%20Networking%20Sites%20are%20Distracting%20Children%20and%20Affecting%20Academic%20Performance.mht!file:///C:\\Users\\COMPAQ\\Documents\\Social%20Networking%20Sites%20are%20Distracting%20Children%20and%20Affecting%20Academic%20Performance.mht" \l "ixzz1CKqPpHkh)

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Appendix (2)

Topic: Facebook addiction

By: M .J. Joachim

It starts out innocently enough. You sign up to get a Facebook account so you can keep in touch with distant relatives and a few friends. One chat turns to two, and then three. All too soon you learn how to turn off the chat so you can play a few games without being interrupted. You're hooked. There's no escaping it as you meet and greet new people building farms and fighting the Mafia. Then the hearts, smiles and hugs get passed around, and before you know what happened, you can't wake up in the morning without checking your email before getting your first cup of coffee. It's contagious, and you've caught the fever.

ok addiction should have you running for your life, but only after seeing what everyone else is up to for the day, and letting them know you won't be on for at least a week. Yea, right! Who are you kidding? You're as addicted to Facebook as everyone else. You just have one more status report to write, one more game to play, and one more link to post. Then you can take a real break from Facebook, and stare at the coffee pot, shaking from withdrawal, wondering how you're going to work at your computer and beat all those temptations that are interfering with your job anyway.

It's even worse when you need to do some research on the internet. There it is at the top of your screen, that little box that's only a click away. Quick! Switch gears and check your email before it's too late! Gotcha! Your inbox is filled with Facebook messages, replies to posts you've made or commented on, friends accepting your invitation from a few weeks or months ago, and friend requests from people who should definitely be on your inside circle for better networking capabilities. What are you going to do now?

Good move, as you calmly get up to stretch your legs and use the bathroom. It's probably time for a little snack too. Hey, that's a great idea! Why don't you call your mom who you haven't seen in a few weeks because of your all too busy schedule, and drive thirty miles across town to have lunch with her? You can catch up on all the latest family news without ever signing into Facebook, and enjoy a relaxing drive too.

As you greet your mom for the first time in weeks, she tells you she has a surprise for you. She brings you back to your old room that she's converted into an office and says, "I followed your advice and stayed anonymous. But I need you to help me figure out how to add you as a friend on my new Facebook account, and since you're already here, now is as good a time as any. Don't you think?"

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