

## **Socialization: Kids and the Web**

### **Purpose:**

This assignment will increase your awareness of the growing socialization needs of children in the 21st century. You will also evaluate the one aspect of the responsibilities of parents as socialization agents.

### **REGULAR/HONORS**

**Web Source:** *Berit's Best: Safe Surfing* Access through Sociology Assignment Web Sites or [http://www.beritsbest.com/Safe Surfing/Internet Safety/index.shtml](http://www.beritsbest.com/Safe%20Surfing/Internet%20Safety/index.shtml)

### **Pre-web work:**

Write a list of what you think you will need to teach your children that your parents didn't need to teach you.

### **Web Work**

Safe Surfing: Choose and explore **two** of the sites on net safety.

- A. Name and provide the URLs for the two sites you chose.
- B. What norms do both sites emphasize?
- C. What are the major differences between these two sites?
- D. Which is the better socialization tool? Why?
- E. Will your children need to be deliberately (formal socialization) taught Net Safety? If not, why not? If so, will teaching Net Safety be a primary job of parents or of schools? Justify your answer.

### **HONORS**

**Web Source:** *Berit's Best-home* Access through Sociology Assignment Web Sites or <http://www.beritsbest.com/>

### **Web Socialization Sites**

Choose another topic from Berit's directory. Choose one site within this topic.

- A. Name and provide the URL for the site you chose.
- B. What is being taught?
  - What age group is the audience?
  - Is the lesson important?
  - Is the lesson effective?
  - How else can this lesson be taught?
  - Is this lesson a job for parent to teach?
- C. Will most parents (who have computers) take time to use the web as a socialization tool?
- D. Will computers/Internet make your parenting job easier or harder than it was for your parents? Explain.