**Who Are You Online?**

**What does represent and persona mean?**

**Does the way you represent yourself online differ from the way you represent yourself offline? What is the same and what is different about your online and offline self?**

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**After viewing each slide in the above slideshow answer the following questions.**

**Slide 1. Was there a difference when Choi Seang Rak represented himself as a girl? Why? Why not?**

**Slide 2. Representing yourself as a superhero was a good idea or not? Why would Tommy D Graves do this?**

**Slide 3. Why would Jean-Francois de la Fage want to feel stronger than he is normally?**

**Slide 4. Why would Ailin Graef want to have her best qualities exaggerated? Would you want yours exaggerated?**

**Slide 5. Why would Lucas Shaw want to escape to a fantasy world? Did you ever want to do this?**

**Slide 6. Andreas Fisher is posing as an avatar, he is acting as a superhero. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this?**

**Now think about yourself and who you are online. What have you done to enhance your image? How are you different than your normal self. What would you change about yourself? Why do think people would want to do this. What responsibilities do you have to yourself and others to “stay real” online, even when you exaggerate or act differently?**