Nine Elements of Digital Citizenship

As a group, read each element. Your group will be assigned ONE element to discuss.
Use the discussion guide provided to record your ideas.

Mike Ribble identified nine elements that comprise a digital citizen and explain each on his website: Digital Citizenship – Using Technology Appropriately.

1. Digital Access: Full electronic participation
   a. Access to digital tools including laptops, cameras, internet
   b. Recognizing individual needs and barriers to participation including special needs

2. Digital Commerce: Online buying and selling of goods
   a. Purchasing and selling items on auction sites and/or online stores
   b. Using digital coupons
   c. Purchasing and downloading media through sites like iTunes

3. Digital Communications: Electronic exchange of information
   a. Email, blogs, social networking through Facebook and Twitter, instant messaging/texting
   b. Managing an online identity – digital footprint
   c. Understanding privacy and public settings and situations when communicating online
   d. Impacts of online relationships compared to face to face.

4. Digital Literacy: Process of teaching and learning about technology and the use of technology
   a. Skills in effectively finding and evaluating internet resources
   b. Using tools to help manage and filter media from the internet including social bookmarking, privacy settings, spam
   c. Making connections between digital tools to enhance learning

5. Digital Etiquette: Ways of conducting oneself in a digital environment
   a. Using technology to reflect best qualities and codes of conduct
   b. Using technology when appropriate
   c. Respecting the privacy and rights of others

6. Digital Law: Responsibility for actions and deeds using electronics
   a. Creating original works that are free from plagiarism
   b. Respecting the digital data and information of others, including copyright and creative commons
   c. No intentional, malicious acts including computer hacking, virus development, identity theft
   d. Bullying
7. **Digital Security: Electronic precautions to protect learners, staff, and organizations**
   a. Following Acceptable Use Policies
   b. Using technology responsibly
   c. Reporting incidents to ensure security and safety is maintained for all

8. **Digital Health and Wellness: Physical and psychological well-being in a digital world**
   a. Balancing time spent online with time spent offline
   b. Knowing stress injuries related to overuse including eye strain

9. **Digital Rights and Responsibilities: Freedoms extended to those in a digital world**
   a. Keeping your devices and identities online secure by using safe, private passwords
   b. Protecting personal security by managing the personal information posted online