

Grades 9-12 | Discussion Questions



Stacey's Story: When Rumors Escalate

- Do you think Stacey's experience is an example of cyberbullying? Why, or why not?
- How would you explain the difference between playful teasing online and hurtful cyberbullying?
- In Stacey's case, the drama started because something she posted online was taken out of context. Has anything you posted online or said in a text message ever been taken out of context?
- Stacey says, "Everyone knew who she [the other girl] was talking about" when the other girl was posting online. If the girl who was posting didn't explicitly use Stacey's name in her posts or message Stacey directly, how do you think Stacey knew it was about her? Can you understand why Stacey was hurt and upset?
- Stacey was frustrated because she knew she couldn't retaliate without stooping to the same level as the girl who was harassing her. Is there anything Stacey could have done to get the girl to leave her alone?
- Stacey talks about the big difference her friends made in helping her get through the experience. What do you think her friends did that was so helpful?
- What are some of the different ways Stacey was harassed online? What are the most common forms of online harassment or meanness that you see?
- Stacey's mom wanted Stacey to tell her school about what was going on, but Stacey thought that getting the school involved would only make things worse. What do you think? What are some ways the school may have been able to help?