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Digital Nation Assignment:

INTRO: Within a single generation, digital media and the World Wide Web have transformed virtually every aspect of modern culture, from the way we learn and work to the ways in which we socialize and even conduct war. But is the technology moving faster than we can adapt to it? And is our 24/7 wired world causing us to lose as much as we've gained?

In *Digital Nation: Life on the Virtual Frontier*, FRONTLINE presents an in-depth exploration of what it means to be human in a 21st-century digital world. Continuing a line of investigation she began with the 2008 FRONTLINE report [Growing Up Online](#), award-winning producer [Rachel Dretzin](#) embarks on a journey to understand the implications of living in a world consumed by technology and the impact that this constant connectivity may have on future generations. "I'm amazed at the things my kids are able to do online, but I'm also a little bit panicked when I realize that no one seems to know where all this technology is taking us, or its long-term effects," says Dretzin.



1. As you watch the video, what specific questions and issues does the video raise?

2. Which parts of the video do you disagree with and why?

3. After watching the video, circle whether you agree or disagree with these statements and explain why.

Parents should limit how long teens can stay online.—agree or disagree? Explain:

Parents should require teens' computers to be in a common space in the home (not in their bedrooms). Explain:

Parents are overreacting to the potential dangers of the Internet. Explain:

It's OK for parents to keep tabs on their kids online by Googling them or checking their profile pages. Explain:

Go to my website calendar and complete the following online quizzes:

[NY TIMES Online Quiz: How well do you multitask?](#) --after taking the quiz, analyze your results and report the findings below:

[NY TIMES Online Quiz: How well do you focus?](#) ----after taking the quiz, analyze your results and report the findings below:

Lastly, write a 1 page review of the film as if you were writing one for Amazon either recommending the not recommending the film to other people. Be as detailed and analytical as possible. Provide a brief overview of the film and also your review. This needs to be typed and turned in on the due date.