

Online Attack

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Veronica logged onto her Facebook wall and checked her messages. Her last post was a joke she made about why pigs like to roll around in mud. Most of her friends replied with smiley faces or LOLs, but the last comment made Veronica's mouth drop. Millie Andrews posted, "Veronica is an ugly pig."

Veronica closed her browser window and walked away from the computer. She didn't know how many people from school had seen Millie's comment or why Millie would say something so mean. She barely slept wondering what she was going to do.

The next morning, Veronica walked into school with her head down. She felt like everyone was looking at her, and whenever she heard laughter, she feared it was directed at her. Veronica ran to the girls' bathroom with tears in her eyes. She went into an empty stall. "What am I going to do?" she asked herself.



Things to Discuss:

1. List some words to describe how Veronica felt after she saw the Facebook comment from Millie.
2. If you were Veronica's friend, and you saw this Facebook post, what would you say to Veronica?
3. Who could Veronica talk to about this problem?
4. What should Veronica do?
5. Do you think it would be a good idea for Veronica to post something mean on Millie's Facebook wall to get even? Why or why not?

Teacher's Discussion Guide

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Read and discuss.

1. List some words to describe how Veronica felt after she saw the Facebook comment from Millie.

upset, angry, frustrated, embarrassed, humiliated, confused, mad

2. If you were Veronica's friend, and you saw this Facebook post, what would you say to Veronica?

You would be supportive and remind her that real friends don't post mean messages online.

Remind Veronica that it's not her fault. Tell her that anyone who saw the message knows Millie is at fault for posting it.

Reassure Veronica that she has many supportive friends and family members who care about her.

3. Who could Veronica talk to about this problem?

friends, family members, teachers at school, school social worker or counselor

4. What should Veronica do?

Veronica should stay away from Millie Andrews. Millie is not a friend!

Veronica should change her Facebook settings so Millie can no longer see her posts.

Veronica should let her parents know about the situation.

5. Do you think it would be a good idea for Veronica to post something mean on Millie's Facebook wall to get even? Why or why not?

No! Just as it was wrong for Millie to post hurtful things, it would be wrong for Veronica to do it too.

