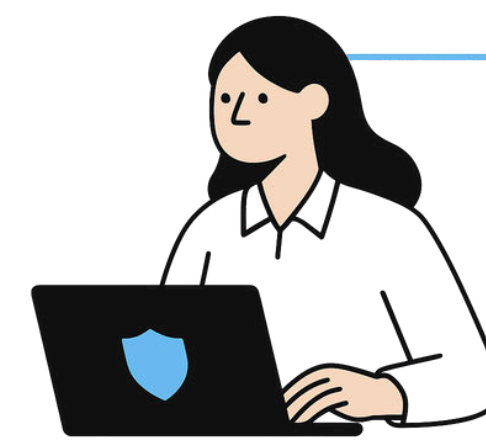


# What Is Digital Citizenship?

## Teachers Guide



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"The norms of appropriate, responsible behavior with regard to technology use."

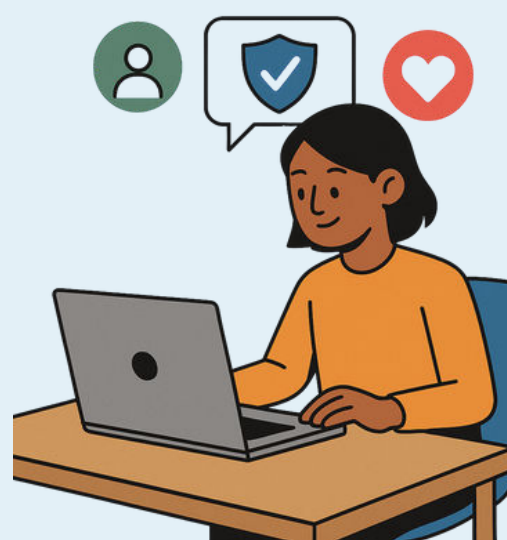
Ribble & Bailey (2007, p. 10)

"The ability to participate in society online." (Mossberger et al., 2008, p. 1)

Digital citizenship means using technology in ways that are responsible, ethical, and informed. It includes understanding digital rights and responsibilities, protecting privacy, communicating respectfully, thinking critically about online content, and making positive contributions to digital communities.

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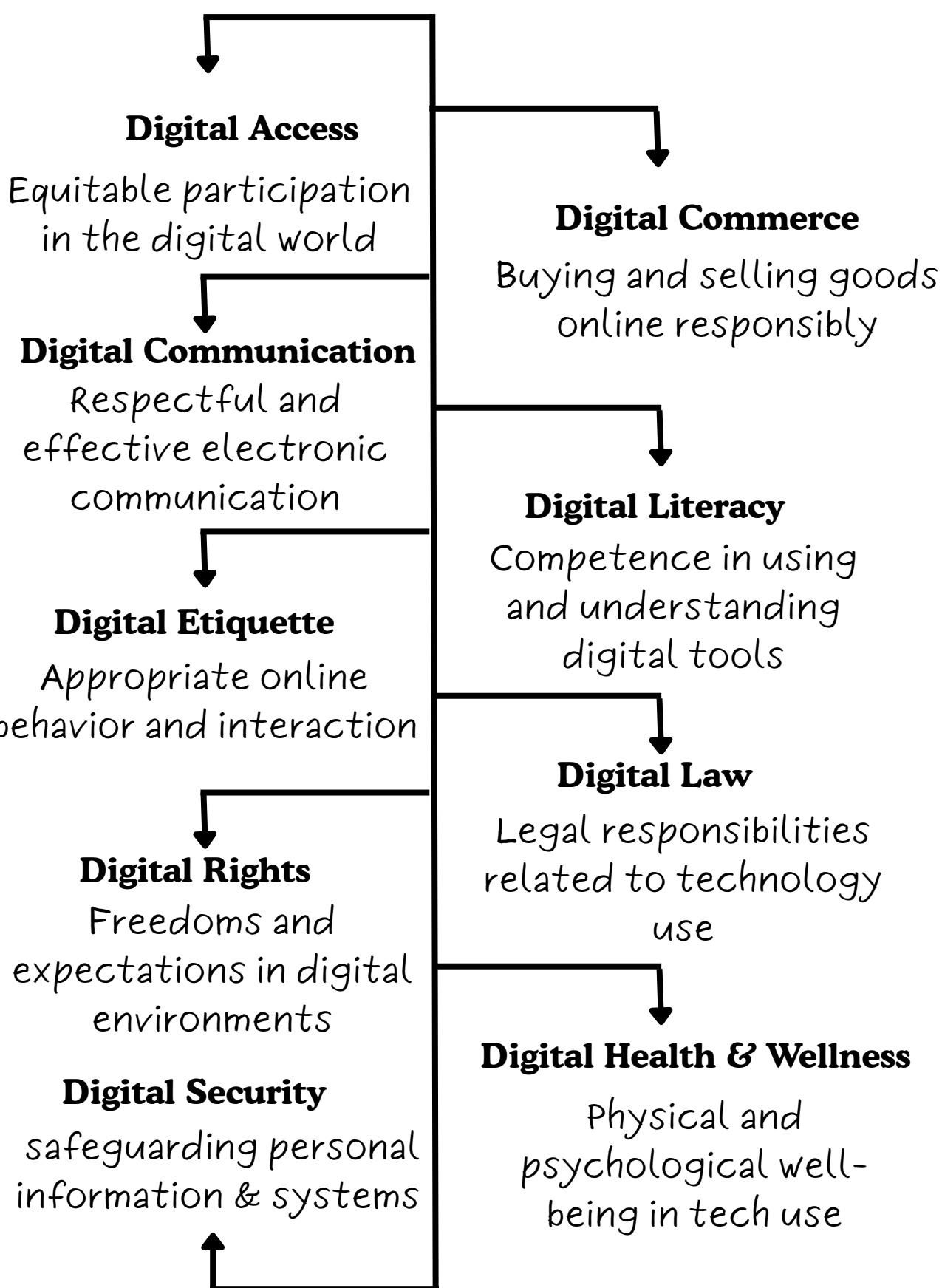
"Those who use the Internet regularly and effectively—that is, on a daily basis" (Mossberger et al., 2008, p. 1)



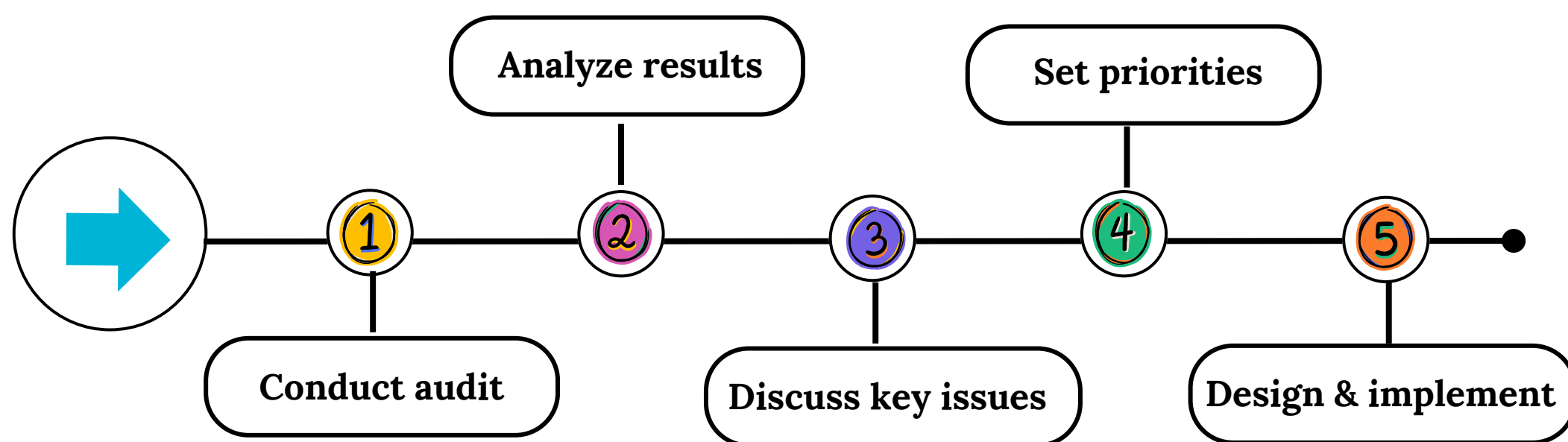
### Why Digital Citizenship Matters?

- ✓ Encourages safe, responsible, and ethical tech use
- ✓ Builds critical digital literacy and evaluation skills
- ✓ Prepares students for academic and professional success
- ✓ Protects privacy, well-being, and online safety
- ✓ Promotes equity through access and inclusion
- ✓ Fosters respectful global digital engagement
- ✓ Moves beyond rules to meaningful tech education
- ✓ Shapes habits for lifelong digital participation

### Elements of Digital Citizenship



### Steps to Create a Digital Citizenship Program



### Digital Citizenship Online Resources

Be Internet Awesome



Common Sense Media



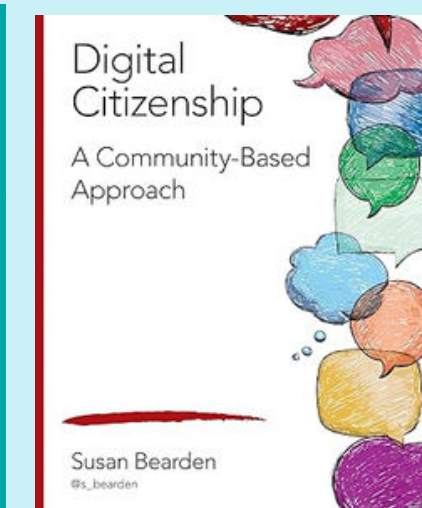
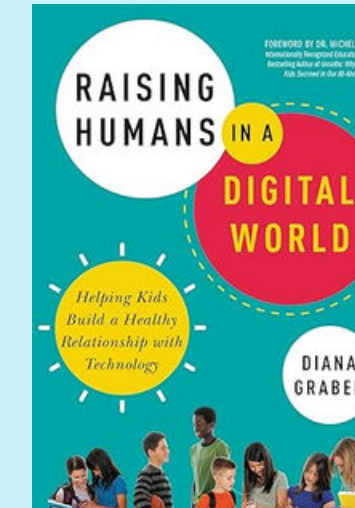
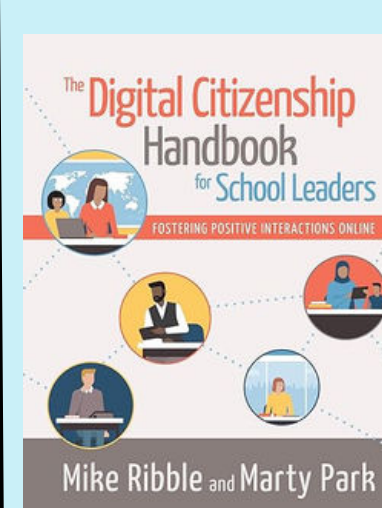
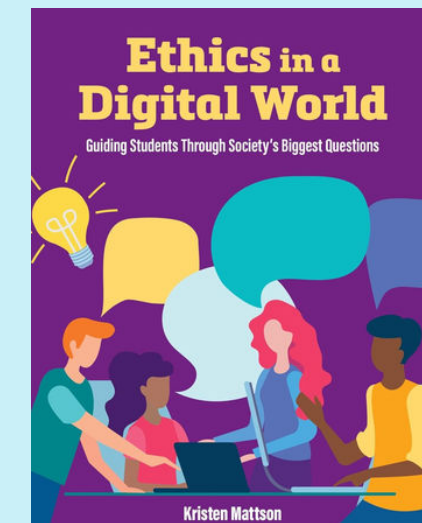
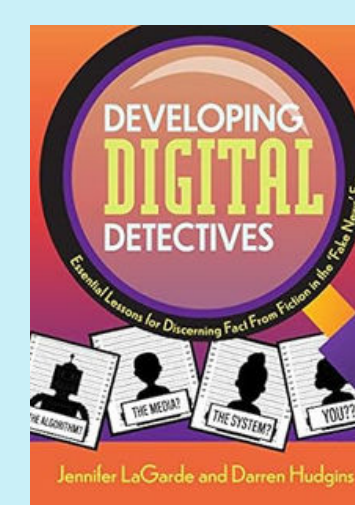
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