**Trending Topics Week 1 8/21-8/25**

Answer the following in 2-3 sentences.

1. What have you done in the class so far and what would you like to learn?
2. What can go wrong on social media?
3. Is it helpful or irresponsible to record a potentially dangerous situation?
4. Does technology make our lives easier, or more complicated?
5. How does technology impact our environment?

**Trending Topics Week 2 8/28-9/1**

Answer the following questions in 2-3 Sentences.

1. How does technology help prepare us for natural disasters?
2. How does technology help us recover from natural disaster?
3. Is your online persona the same as your actual persona?
4. Does social media make us more connected or more self-centered?
5. Do you use social media? How often?

**Trending Topics Week 3 9/5-9/8**

1. Do you think storm tracking technology is reliable?

2. Is storm chasing technology helpful research or irresponsible technology use? Why?

3. Where do you get your news from? (Online, TV, Family/Friends). Do you think it is a trustworthy source?

**Trending Topics Week 4 9/18-9/22**

1. Does technology give us too much information?
2. What are some things you would look for when searching for online sources?
3. How can technology disrupt disaster response and recovery?
4. What are some ways technology influences our day to day lives that we may not always notice?
5. How does technology help bring us the news?

**Trending Topics Week 5 9/25-9/29**

1. How does Tech. help with issues in society?
2. Did you find the idea useful or creepy? (Walmart delivery video)
3. What is a technological improvement you would like to see? Why?
4. What can Tech tell us about ourselves?
5. What did you think about the results of your online personality test? Was it accurate?

**Trending Topics Week 6 10/2-10/6**

1. Why is it important to know our strengths and weaknesses?
2. What are some ways we can improve our strengths and weaknesses, how can technology help us with this?
3. What makes a website trustworthy?
4. Name 3 domain types, which ones do you trust?
5. What is the rule of 3 and why is it useful?

**Trending Topics Week 7 10/9-10/12**

1. What does it mean to be skeptical?
2. Why is it important to know about the author of a website?
3. Why might external links mean the website is a reliable source?
4. Do you think comments on social media are good sources of information? Why or why not?

**Trending Topics Week 8 10/16-10/20**

1. What makes an effective advertisement? (Doritos Ad)
2. What are the 4 emotions ads target? Which do you see most often?
3. Name 3 places you see ads, why are they everywhere?
4. Do you think ads targeted at you based on your social media and search results are effective? Why or why not?

**Trending Topics Week 9 10/25-10/27**

1. Which do you think is the best emotion to appeal to when advertising and why?
2. Besides emotion, what are some things ads use to grab your attention?
3. Describe an Advertisement that sticks out in your mind. Why does it stand out?

**Trending Topics Week 10 10/30-11/03**

1. Should an effective Ad be long and detailed or short and simple? Why?
2. Find a Scary/Halloween Ad. Describe it, what was your personal reaction to it?
3. What Technology is used in making TV Ads? Is it simple or high-tech?
4. How do movie trailers and infomercials differ from normal T.V. Ads? What makes them effective?

**Trending Topics Week 11 11/6-11/09**

1. Did you encounter any ads this weekend? Where? What were they?
2. Do you think trailers are effective at getting you to go see movies? Why or why not?
3. What is the last movie you watched? Did you watch it because of the movie trailer?
4. What is the end goal of advertising?

**Trending Topics Week 12 11/13-11/17**

1. What is an algorithm? What is a program?
2. Write a sequence using arrows for the following: (Drawn on board)
3. Name 3 potential careers in computer science.

**Trending Topics Week 13 11/27-12/1**

1. Why is programming important?
2. Describe a time where you learned a new skill and faced failure.
3. In programming, what is a loop?
4. What does it mean to debug?
5. How can understanding algorithms & sequences help us outside of programming?

**Trending Topics Week 14 12/4-12/8**

1. What is a key concept you have learned in code.org lessons 2-7?
2. What does it mean if a loop is nested?
3. What is an event? Give an example.
4. Do you think understanding events helps us outside of programming? Why or why not?
5. In programming what is a conditional?

**Trending Topics Week 15 12/11-12/15**

1. How do loops make programming easier?
2. From lesson 17, what is a “while loop”?
3. What is an “If/Else” statement?
4. What would it be like if people only spoke in “If/else” Satements?
5. Which lessons 2-20 did you find most difficult? Which were easiest?

**Trending Topics Week 16 1/8-1/12**

1. What is something you learned last semester? What was something you found enjoyable? If you are new to the class, what would you like to learn?
2. What is a vocab word learned in lessons 1-20? What does it mean? If you are new, What do you know about programming?
3. How often do you use mobile apps? Which do you use most often and why do you like it?
4. What is Javascript?

**Trending Topics Week 17 1/16-1/19**

1. In what ways do mobile apps make our lives easier? How do they complicate them?
2. Have you encountered a poorly designed app, what didn’t you like about it?
3. What do you think makes an app successful?
4. Did you find the design tool in the tutorial easy to use? Why or why not?

**Trending Topics Week 18 1/22-1/26**

1. How do you feel about apps that push micro-transactions on users?
2. What aspects of your favorite app make it your favorite?
3. What concepts from lessons 1-20 did you use in the app lab?
4. What design tactics make apps easy to use?

**Trending Topics Week 19 1/29-2/2**

1. Why do you think Apps are so popular?
2. Do you think there are career opportunities in app development?
3. Do you think programming and app development skills are transferable to other fields?
4. Think about your app project, how would you advertise your app?
5. How have you discovered new apps?

**Trending Topics Week 20 2/5-2/9**

1. Did you watch the Superbowl? What did you notice about the ads? Were they effective?
2. Would conditional statements be used to create a quiz app, or a choose your own adventure app?
3. Name 3 practical uses for mobile apps.
4. How many lines of code did you app use? DO you think more code was used for a quiz app, or for a choose you own adventure app?

**Trending Topics Week 21 2/12-2/16**

1. What career fields are you interested in? Why?
2. What Skills are useful in the career you are interested in?
3. Do your personal strengths and weaknesses make a good fit for the career you are interested in?
4. Do you want a career with a comfortable salary or one you’ll enjoy? Why?

**Wk.22**

1. 1.Are there any career fields you are 100% not interested in? What are they and why not?
2. Do you consider yourself someone who concentrates more on the present or thinks about the future?
3. 3.Are you goal oriented or do you go with the flow? Do you see that as a strength or weakness?
4. 4, D you work best focusing on long term or short term goals?
5. Name 3 careers related to the career you are interested in.

WK.23

1. Do you consider your future career when you think about what college you want to go to?
2. Do you consider what school subjects you enjoy when thinking about your future career? How so?
3. How did you discover you were interested in a particular career field?
4. What is the most important thing to you when choosing a career?

WK.24

1. Where do you want to go to college? What made you want to go there?
2. Do you think there are things you can do now to prepare for high school and beyond? What are those things?
3. What did you find interesting in your initial college research? Did you look up any schools other than the one you are interested in?
4. What SAT and ACT test scores do you need to attend your school of choice?

WK.25

1. How can it help to know about the different career pathways? Does it making things easier or more complicated? How so?
2. What did you learn from comparing and contrasting your career choice? Did it change how you feel about your career interest? How so?
3. What are some of the downsides of your career interest?
4. List 3 reasons for choosing the college you chose?
5. Do you have a plan if your school doesn’t offer a program for the career of your choice?

WK.26

1. 1.What do you think makes a company good to work for?
2. 2. Can you name a company with a good reputation, what company and why is it good?
3. Is it more important for a company to treat their customers well, or employees? Why?
4. What things did you consider when researching and ranking your 10 companies? What was important to you?
5. Name some companies with a bad reputation, why?

WK.27

1. What are some of your favorite companies? Why do you like them?
2. Can a company change a bad reputation? How can they try to change?
3. Think of and list 5 positive company practices.