



## Cyberbullying: What Would You Do?

Read the following examples of cyberbullying.

Discuss what the characters did right and what they could have done better.

1. Ahmed started at a new middle school midyear. He is one of the only a few Muslims in the school. After a terrorist attack in Europe, students began to post comments about Ahmed, falsely accusing his family of being involved. Jane, his classmate, is upset by the posts and chooses to ignore them.
2. Hannah took an embarrassing video Ellen without her knowing. Hannah then sent it to Brian and some of her other friends. Brian deleted it and didn't respond to any remarks made in the group message.
3. A group of students started a chain of emails about Carlos. Although he does not identify as gay, the students spread rumors about his sexuality. Matt received one of the emails. He did not comment back, but forwarded it to another student.
4. Siblings, Joshua and Gloria, attend the same middle school. Joshua is on the autism spectrum and is a part of a class with students who have similar learning styles. Gloria is constantly being teased by her peers about her brother's "special needs." Gloria finds a phony Facebook profile of Joshua mimicking his speech and behaviors. Wanting to stand up for her brother, Gloria posted an angry reply.