

No Gossip (Grades 6-12)



Character Education Objective:

- Students will discuss the impact of gossip on individuals, teams, friend groups, and families.

Content Objective:

- Students will commit to a No Gossip challenge to show respect.

Language Objective:

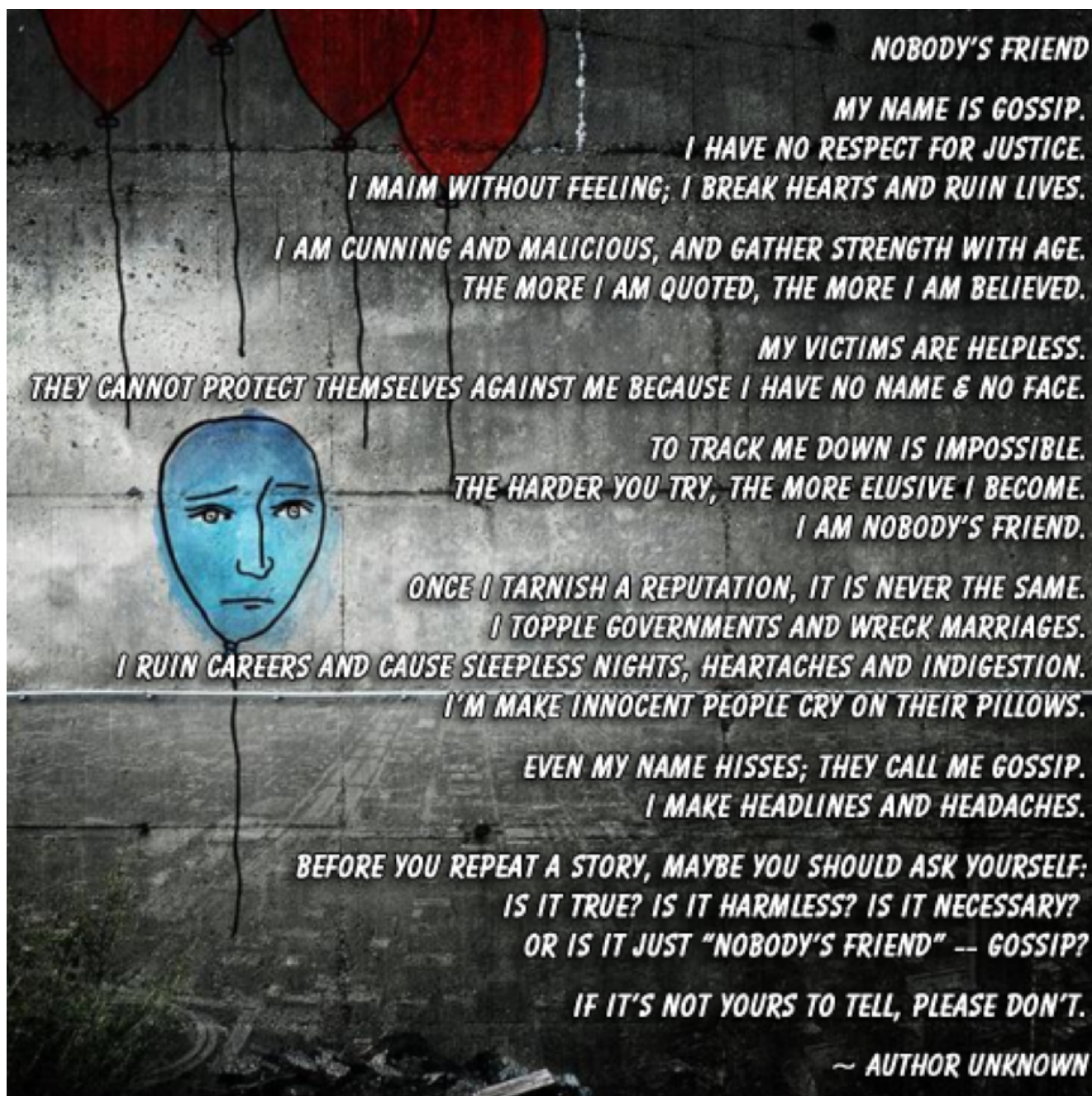
- Students will share ideas about spreading the #NoGossip

Purpose:

Gossip is a toxic cloud that spreads darkness around the globe and runs rampant in schools and communities. Creating a culture of respect is vital to ensure learners feel safe and like they belong. So, let's build a 40 Day No Gossip Campaign to empower students, teachers, administrators and families to stand for respect.

Lesson:

- Independent (3 mins)
 - Write about a time you have heard, been part of, or were gossiped about in school or on social media.
 - How did it make you feel?
 - Write one feeling on a sticky note and add it to the whiteboard or post on social media: Instagram/Twitter/Facebook #NoGossip #CHARACTERCOUNTS
- Vocabulary (2mins): What do these words mean? (Optional)
 - Gossip
 - Maim
 - Tarnish
 - Elusive
- Productive Group Work (10mins):
 - Read the poem (or print image of poem below)
 - List the attributes and impact of *gossip* you find?
 - What are some respectful statements you can use to stop gossip you might hear?
 - Make a plan about how your group will spread the #NoGossip



- Whole Group Discussion (3 mins):
 - How can showing respect to others stop gossiping behavior?
 - What will your group do to spread the #NoGossip?
- Reflection Journal (Independent task 2 mins)
 - Post on social media and/or in planner
 - #NoGossip #CHARACTERCOUNTS! #Respect

**Family
Connection**

- Tech Support
 - Friend
your child and follow their social media profiles
 - Share
out a social media post as a family with #NoGossip
#CHARACTERCOUNTS!
- Pillar Time
 - Share
ways to stop gossip in your household
 - Practice
ways to lovingly hold one another accountable to
no gossip
 - Invite
extended family to join your family in the
#NoGossip #CHARACTERCOUNTS!
- Dinner Discussion
 - What
is harmful about gossip?
 - How
is gossip disrespectful?
 - What
feelings do you associate with gossip?

Learn more about character education.