**Communication Methods and Data Chart**

Let's look at what kinds of data you 'give off' when using the different forms of communication. For each of the following examples, fill in which method you would choose for the given scenario and why (You should already have completed that part.). Keep in mind that “data” here is not just the content you communicate (what you say or write) but could also refer to details like the time of a telephone call and the number.

The methods are:

• Texting

• Phone call

• Talking in person

• Facebook

• Twitter

• Email

**Scenario to Communicate**

**Method**

**What data is available?**

**Who has access to the data?**

**What can be learned from the data in aggregate?**

**Why you chose the method?**

Breaking up with a significant other (boyfriend/girlfriend)

talking

voice inflection

you and the significant other

trends you have in common with others

it is the most private of the ways to communicate

Asking parents’ permission to do something when you think they will likely say ‘no’

talking

inflections and sarcasm

you and your parents

what kinds of things your parents are most likely to say no to

it gets a more immediate answer

Figure out where and when to meet a friend to see a movie

text

you, your friend, the phone company, and your phone's memory

the data could be used to get an idea of who n

Gossip about someone who could hear you if you spoke

Gossip about someone not around you

Getting help on homework

Feedback on a big decision (like what color prom dress, what game to buy, what phone to get)

Announce you met someone famous

Complain about your parents

Mourn someone you lost

Buy something from someone you don’t know well

1. How does the type of data being exchanged affect which method you choose?