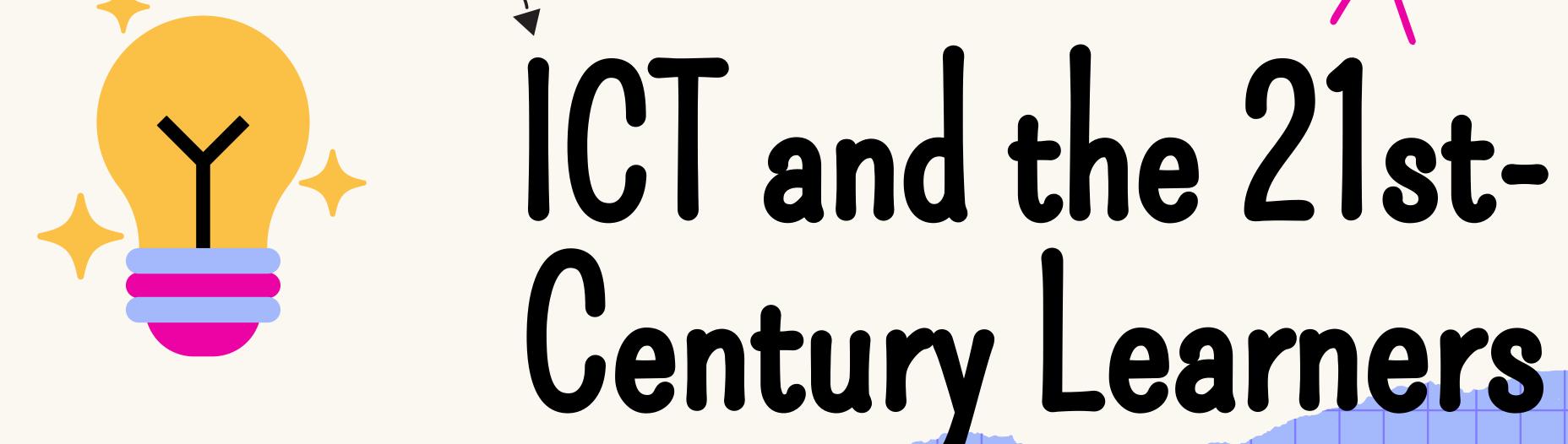
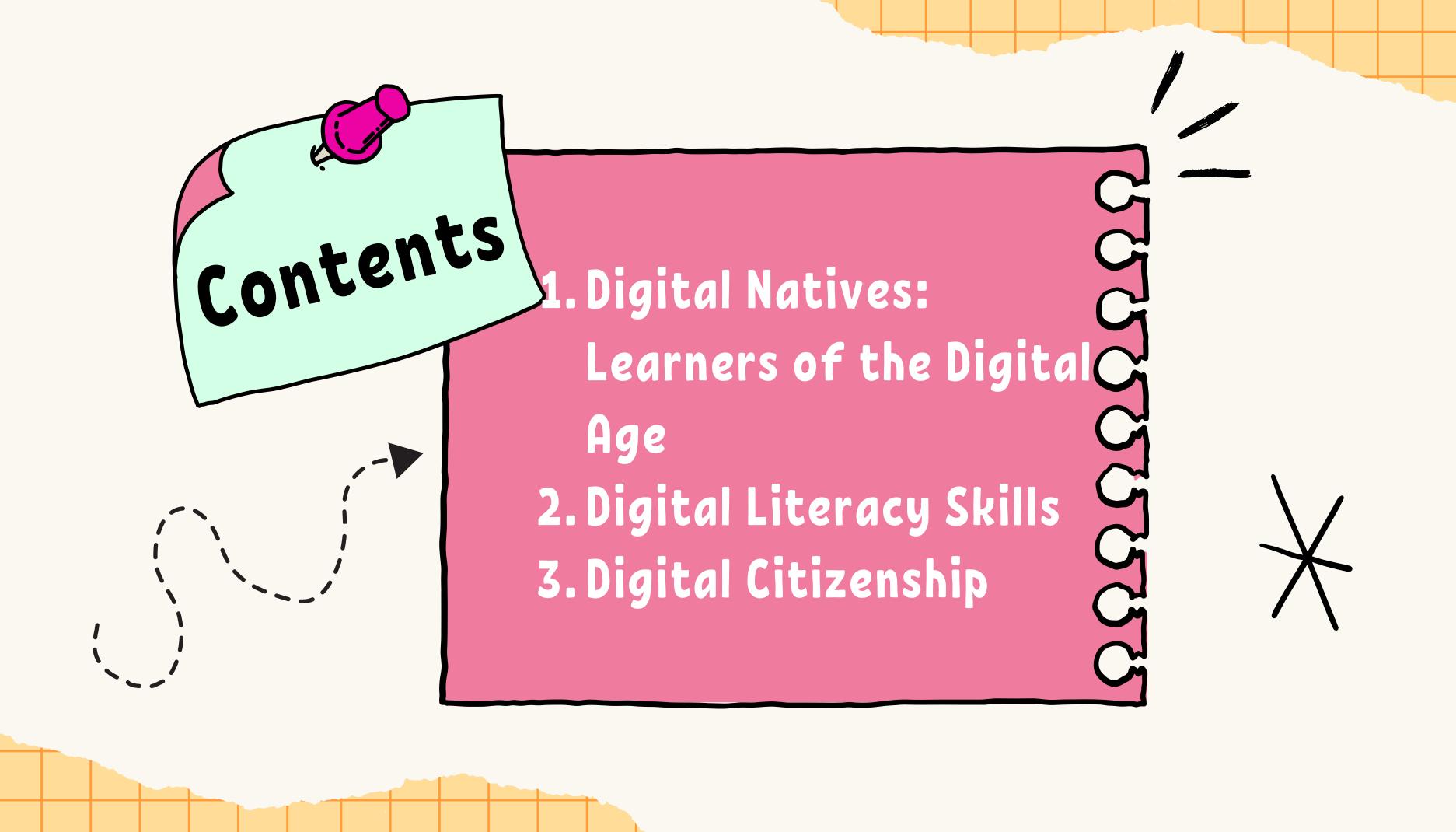
Chapter 3





DIGITAL NATIVES: LEARNERS OF THE DIGITAL AGE

-posited that the generation of students today represent the first generations to grow up with technology and that these individuals have spent their entire lives surrounded by and using tools of the digital age. Technology, indeed, has been an integral part of these students.

PRENSKY (2001)

-termed these students, who think and process information differently from their predecessors, as digital natives. While some refer to the "new" students of today as the N-gen (net generation) or D-gen (or digital generation), students today are "native speakers" of the digital language of computers, and the like.

Group Activity: Pros and Cons of Being a Digital Native Group by counting 1-5, each pros and cons must be unique from other groups, if have similarities then

no points for both group/s.

- Pros / Advantage / Benefits:
 - list down 5 (each member must have 1 pros)
- Cons / Disadvantage / Negative Impact:
 - list down 5 (each member must have 1 pros)
- Ask your members:
 - "What are the best and worst parts of growing up in a digital world?"
 - "How do you think digital natives can overcome the challenges they face in learning?"



Compared to digital natives who were born after the 1980's and are comfortable with technology, digital immigrants are the older generation. The term digital immigrants mostly apply to individuals born before the spread of technology (Cut, 2017). Digital immigrants are those who have slowly adapted web surfing, emailing, texting, and the instant world of social media and on-demand entertainment.

Difference between Digital Natives and Digital Immigrants:

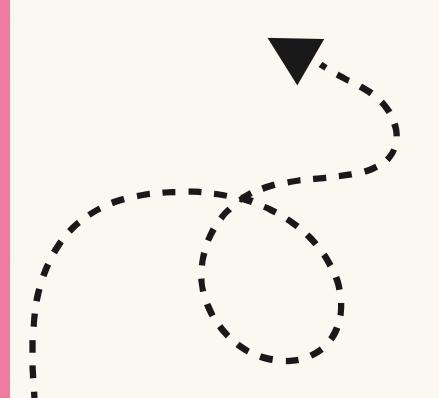
Digital Natives

- Born during or after the digital age
- Always on phone or other devices
- Creative learners
- Multi-task and rapidly taskswitch
- Multimedia oriented

Digital Immigrants

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- Adapters of technology
- Prefer face-to-face conversation
- Logical learners
- Prefer to interact with only one or few people
- Get information from traditional news sites



DIGITAL NATIVES AND DIGITAL IMMIGRANTS

Ch'ng (2019) adds that while digital immigrants value "proper" English in texting and prefer formal communication, digital natives use texting and instant messaging shorthand and internet slang, which the digital immigrants do not understand.

Digital natives are categorized by Cut (2017) into;

Cut (2017) also further categorized digital

immigrants into;

- 1. Avoiders
- 2. Reluctant adopters
- 3. Enthusiastic adopters

1. Avoiders

2. Minimalists

3. Enthusiastic participants



A millennial is someone born between 1980 and 2000.

Moran (2016) states that the term millennial is often used interchangeably with digital natives, though not all digital natives are millennials - as the newest generation, the Gen Z, are also digital natives. She adds that not all millennials are digital natives, as some millennials have limited access to ICT, in the case of those living in poverty.



The Myths

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DIGITAL NATIVES

Myth 1

Digital Natives are inferior in social skills and prefer digital interaction.

Myth 2

Digital Natives are better at multitasking.

Myth 3

Digital Natives have natural instincts about computers and other digital products.

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The Digital Divide

The Digital Divide Council (2019) defines digital divide as the gap between individuals with access to modern information and communication technology and those without access. It also refers to the fact that certain people have better opportunities than other individuals (Nielsen, 2006).

Nielsen (2006) classified the digital divide into:

- 1. Economic Divide
- 2. Usability Divide
- 3. Empowerment Divide

Sorj (2008) considers five factors that affect the digital divide, including:

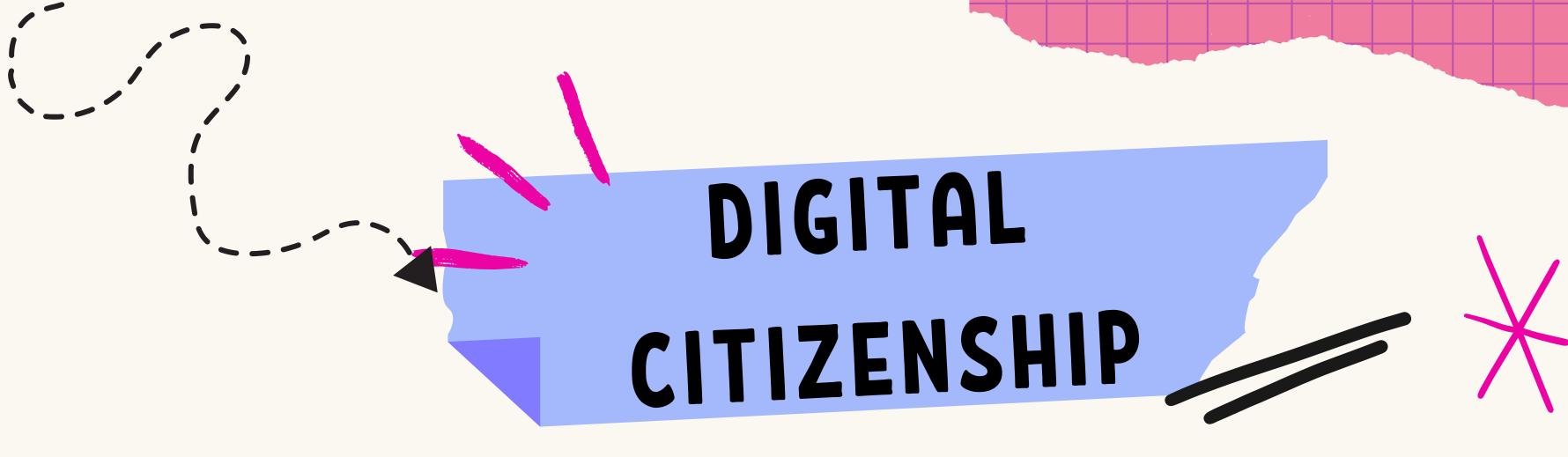
- 1. the existence of physical infrastructure for transmission;
- 2. the availability of connection equipment such as a computer, modem, and access line;
- 3. training in the use of computers and the internet;
- 4. intellectual capacities and the social insertion of users; and
- 5. the production and use of specific contents adapted to the needs of the diverse segments of the population.

DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS

LYNCH (2017)

digital literacy - using technology to access and communicate information

-is the ability to find, evaluate, utilize, share, and create content using information technologies and the internet. It is the ability to use information and communication technologies to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information, requiring cognitive and technical skills (American Library Association, n.d.).



effectively.

-refers to the norms of appropriate, responsible behaviour with regard to technology use -coined the term digital citizenship as the state of having access to the internet that provides equal opportunities for online participation, digital democracy, human rights, and technological skill. Accordingly, digital citizenship refers to the responsible use of technology by anyone who uses computers, the internet, and digital devices to engage with society on any level (Zook, 2019).

Moreover, the term "digital citizen" refers to someone who participates in civic life, politics, and governance through digital technologies. Digital citizens use the internet regularly and

With technology as a massive force in our daily lives, everyone using digital technologies, like students and teachers, is called a digital citizen.

ELEMENTS OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

LEVELS OF SUPPORT S3 FRAMEWORK

ACCORDING TO RIBBLE (2020)

• RESPECT DIGITAL ACCESS

DIGITAL ETIQUETTE

DIGITAL LAW

• EDUCATE DIGITAL LITERACY

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

DIGITAL COMMERCE

PROTECT DIGITAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY

DIGITAL SECURITY

DIGITAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

ACCORDING TO RIBBLE (2020)

• SAFE BEING PROTECTED FROM DANGER, RISK, OR INJURY TO

ONESELF OR OTHERS

• SAVY CREATING EDUCATED DIGITAL CITIZENS, THE WISDOM AND

PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE, AND THE UNDERSTANDING TO

MAKE SOUND JUDGMENTS

• SOCIAL PREPARES THE FULL REALIZATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES

OF AN ONLINE EXPERIENCE



EVALUATE **QUESTIONS**

Answer the following questions briefly but substantively.

DIGITAL NATIVE

1 Who is a digital native?

2 How is a digital native different from a

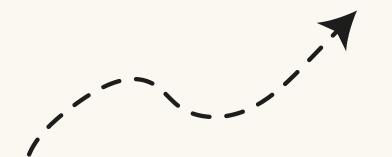
digital immigrant?

3 What are the types of the digital divide?

4 How is the digital divide affecting the development of human beings?

5 How can today's teachers, especially those who belong to the digital immigrant group, cope with the demands of Generation Z students?

6 Explain the factors affecting the occurrence of the digital divide.



//EVALUATE QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions briefly but substantively.

DIGITAL LITERACY SKILLS

1 Who is a digital literacy?

2 Why is digital literacy important?

3 Give examples of how digital literacy improves lives. Explain.

4 As a student, how do you apply digital literacy in the classroom?

5 Is it enough that a student is capacitated only with skills in operating computers and other technological gadgets? Explain.

//EVALUATE QUESTIONS

Answer the following questions briefly but substantively.

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

1 Who is a digital citizenship?

2 Explain the elements of digital citizenship. Give a specific example of the elements

In your opinion, what element have you mastered so far at this point in your life as a student?

4 How are the elements of digital citizenship interrelated with each other?

