

TestDrive

Education for the digital era

The TestDrive website is designed to support digital literacy education. It features sections for educators, parents, and students, along with a FAQ page. Key features include:

- Lessons for educators:** Provides tools for introducing a digital literacy curriculum.
- Social media simulation:** Allows users to practice digital literacy skills in a simulated social media environment.
- Our vision:** A statement about providing a kind and safe social media environment for kids.
- Lessons for students:** Various lessons such as "How to be an Upstander", "Is it Private Information?", and "Shaping a Digital Footprint".
- FAQ:** Answers frequently asked questions about the platform.

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Designer & Developer · Fall 2019

Background

Project Vision

Redesign the product site for **TestDrive**, a web platform to teach children digital literacy skills and prosocial online behavior.

Background

What is TestDrive?

Social Media
Test Drive

Pick a Lesson Plan



How to Be an Upstander



Is It Private Information?



Shaping Your Digital Footprint



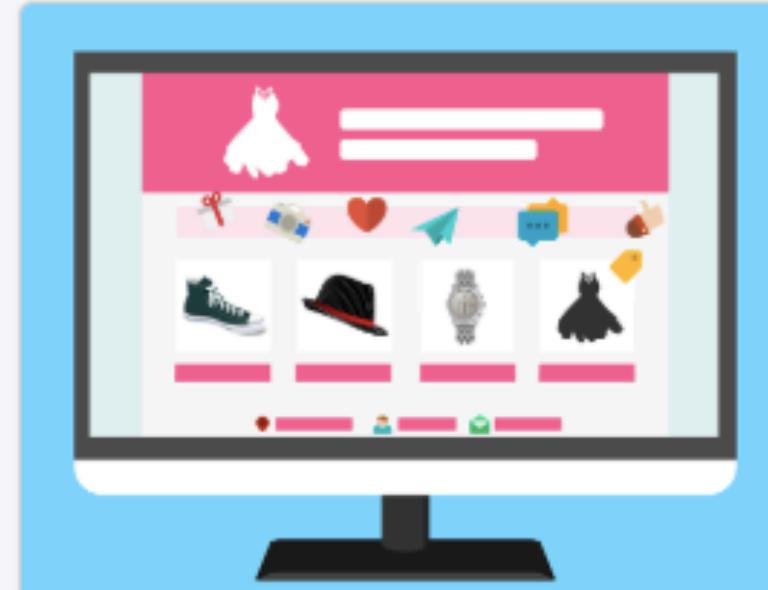
Online Identities



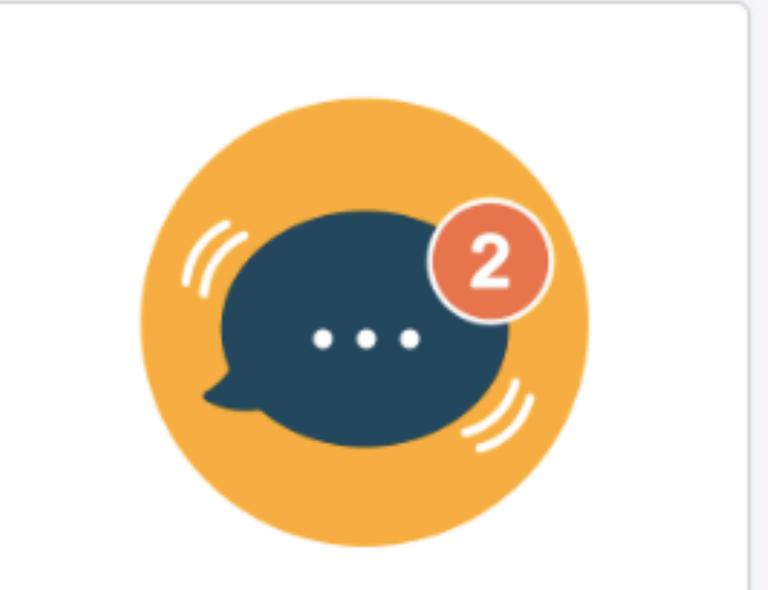
Social Media Privacy



News in Social Media



Targeted Advertising

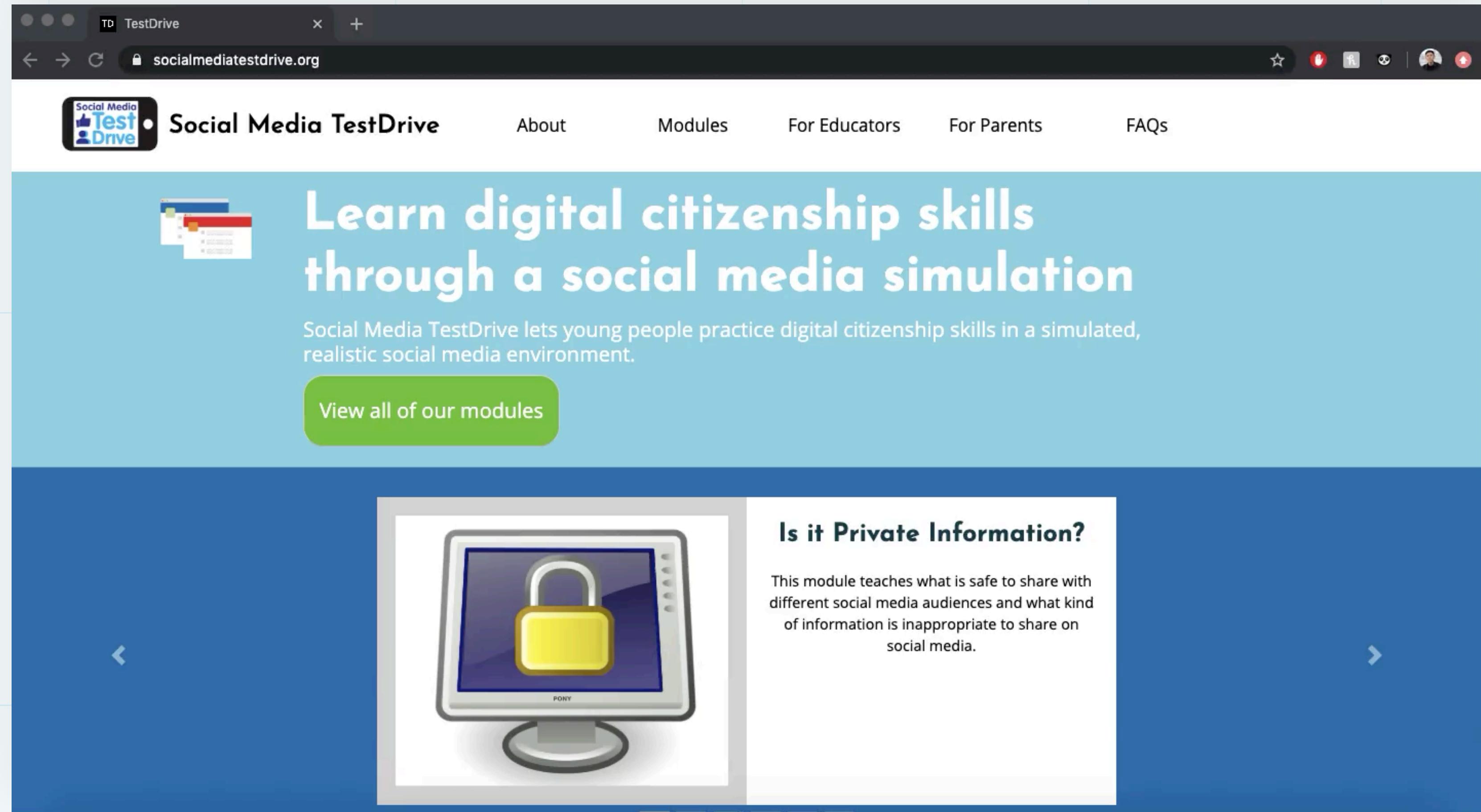


Social Media Habits

Background

Site Walkthrough

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to play video



The screenshot shows a web browser window for 'TestDrive' at socialmediatestdrive.org. The page features a dark header with the site's logo and navigation links for About, Modules, For Educators, For Parents, and FAQs. The main content area has a light blue background with a white central section. On the left, there's a small icon of a computer monitor with a lock. To its right, the text reads 'Learn digital citizenship skills through a social media simulation'. Below this, a green button says 'View all of our modules'. At the bottom, there's a large blue module titled 'Is it Private Information?' featuring an illustration of a computer monitor with a padlock.

Background

Why Redesign It?

“The current site doesn’t look trustworthy...
a lot of site visitors don’t make it past the
homepage.”

— Stakeholder

Background

Why Redesign It?

Brand Perception

Lack of a clear, defined brand leads site visitors to worry that TD is unprofessional or not fleshed out

“The current site doesn’t look **trustworthy**...
a lot of site visitors **don’t make it past the**
homepage.”

Product Value

Currently, the site doesn’t effectively communicate TD’s value prop for its target audience — educators

— Stakeholder

Interaction & Visual Audit

Home

1 Placeholder image

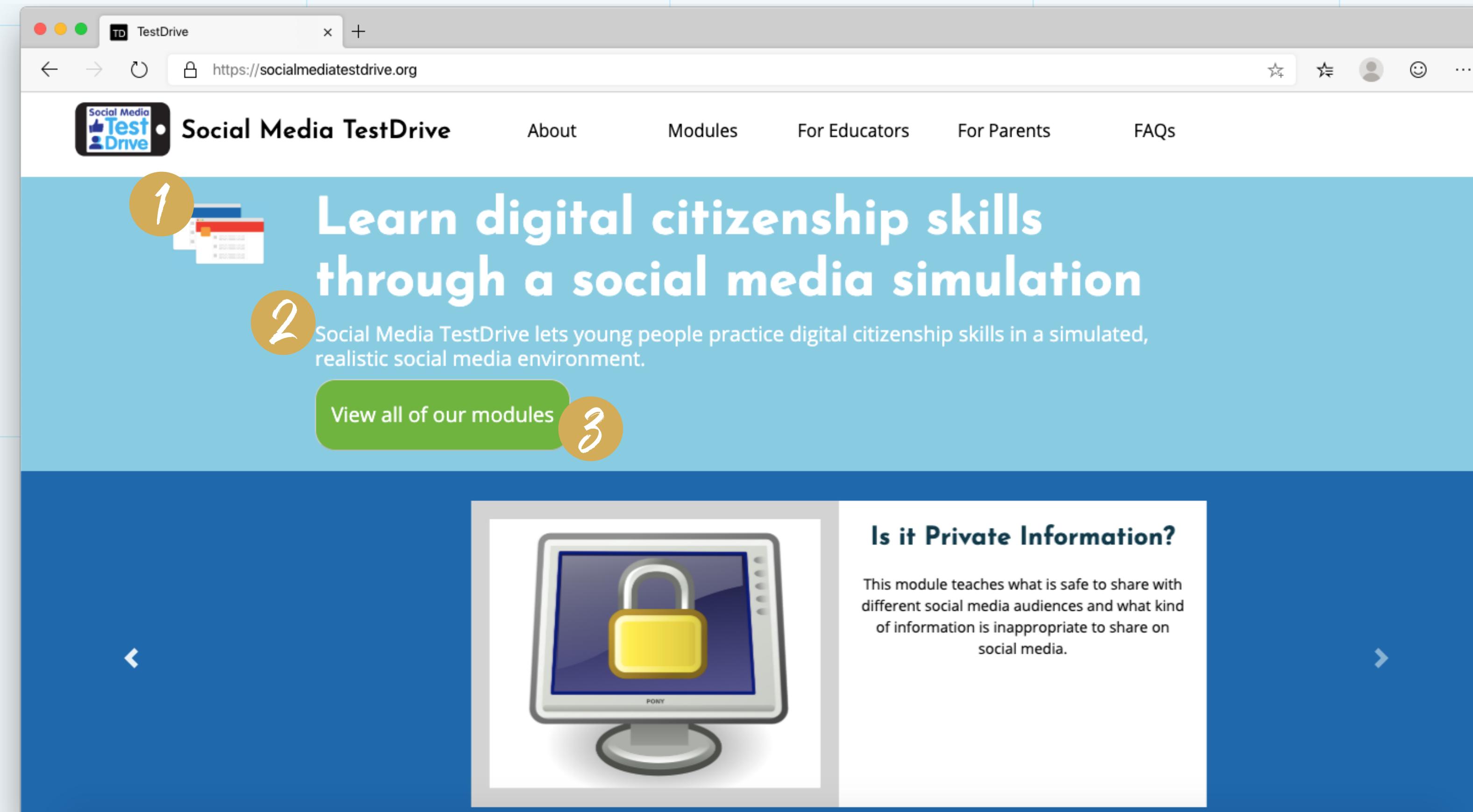
Unrelated to project / lacks clear purpose / too small

2 Color contrast/a11y

Blue on white: Aa 1.78 !

3 Unclear value prop

Doesn't communicate what TD is or why it's useful



Interaction & Visual Audit

About

1 Mission vs. Vision?

Similar info; reads redundant

2 Lengthy paragraphs

Difficult to parse through for relevant info

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://socialmediatestdrive.org>. The page has a light blue header with the Social Media TestDrive logo and navigation links for About, Modules, For Educators, For Parents, and FAQs. The main content area features a large title 'About Social Media TestDrive' in white on a blue background. Below the title are logos for SML (@CU) and Common Sense Education. The 'Mission' section contains a short paragraph about encouraging prosocial members of the digital world. The 'Vision' section contains a single sentence about a kind, safe social media world.

1 Vision

Our vision is a kind, safe social media world in which people connect and engage in prosocial ways.

About Social Media TestDrive

Social Media TestDrive is an interactive educational platform created by researchers in the [Cornell University's Social Media Lab](#) in collaboration with [Common Sense Education](#).

TestDrive is an educational program that lets young people learn and practice digital citizenship skills through a social media simulation. Like a driving simulator for young people learning to drive a car for the first time, TestDrive provides a simulated experience of realistic digital dilemmas and scenarios that young people may encounter as they enter the social media world. Each TestDrive module is designed to teach a specific social media skill, such as managing privacy settings, smart self-presentation, upstanding to cyberbullying, and news literacy.

TestDrive looks and feels like a real social media site, but all the content on the site has been created for instructional

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About

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Page length

Page is very long & text-heavy, without visual breaks

Secondary info (e.g. Team) is not immediately relevant or actionable for the user

Media Lab in collaboration with [Common Sense Education](#).

TestDrive is an educational program that lets young people learn and practice digital citizenship skills through a social media simulation. Like a driving simulator for young people learning to drive a car for the first time, TestDrive provides a simulated experience of realistic digital dilemmas and scenarios that young people may encounter as they enter the social media world. Each TestDrive module is designed to teach a specific social media skill, such as managing privacy settings, smart self-presentation, upstanding to cyberbullying, and news literacy.

TestDrive looks and feels like a real social media site, but all the content on the site has been created for instructional purposes. Young people interact with the content through instructions that lead them to build new knowledge and skills, allowing them to practice important social media skills without worrying about negative consequences.

You can access TestDrive modules at the following link: <http://app.socialmediatestdrive.org>. For guidance on how to use TestDrive, please refer to the "[For Educators](#)" and "[For Parents](#)" sections of our website.

Please contact us at socialmediatestdrive@gmail.com if you have any questions!

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Sponsors

Social Media TestDrive is supported by the generosity of Becky and Jim Morgan and [National Science Foundation award #1405634](#).

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Modules

1 Scalability

Consider how to scale grid view as more modules are added

2 Visual cohesiveness

Module images convey the topic well, but lack a holistic visual identity

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Module 1: How to Be an Upstander

A red circular 'no' symbol containing a collage of words like 'RUMORS', 'HARASSMENT', 'BULLYING', and 'THREATS' is shown. A gold circle with the number '1' is positioned to the left of the card.

How to Be an Upstander

This module teaches how to detect signs of cyberbullying and how to respond when seeing cyberbullying happening to others.

Aligned Common Sense Education's Digital Citizenship Lesson: [Upstanders and Allies: Taking Action Against Cyberbullying](#)

Module 2: Is it Private Information?

A computer monitor with a yellow padlock on its screen is shown. A gold circle with the number '2' is positioned to the left of the card.

Is it Private Information?

This module teaches what is safe to share with different social media audiences and what kind of information is inappropriate to share on social media.

Aligned Common Sense Education's Digital Citizenship Lesson: [Chatting Safely Online](#)

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For Educators

1 Page length

Sparse; doesn't offer any immediate info or context

2 E2E experience

Hard for teachers to get a sense for what implementing TD would actually look like

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FAQ/Contact Us

1 Redundancy

Repeats a lot of info covered in Educator/Parent sections

2 Relevancy

Sections like “Media and Press” don’t fit with the purpose or JTBD’s of this page

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- 1 What should I do if I run into a problem while using TestDrive?**

If you have any questions about TestDrive or run into any problems while using it, please e-mail us at socialmediatestdrive@gmail.com or use the Contact Us form below. We will do our best to respond within 1-2 business days of receiving your e-mail.
- 2 How does TestDrive keep young people's data safe?**

TestDrive does not collect or store any personal information. Young people are able to choose from a library of photos when creating posts, upload text, make comments on the simulated social media site, and change their profile name, location, and description, but all data are permanently deleted once users finish a module or leave the TestDrive website. Click [here](#) to read our privacy policy.

2 Media and Press Mentions

[Kids 'test drive' social media in new interactive simulations](#). *Newswise*, August 26, 2019.

[Kids can test drive social media safely with new simulations](#). *Cornell Chronicle*, August 21, 2019.

[Test-Drive Social Media for Digital Citizenship](#). *Psychology Today*, August 20, 2019.

Contact Us

User in Focus

Educator Persona

Meet Dawson.

37 year old **middle-school science teacher** from Cincinnati, Ohio.

With two daughters of his own and 5 years of teaching experience, Dawson really **enjoys working with kids**.

Recently, he's noticed many of his students getting smartphones, and wants a **good way to teach** them about **safe online behavior**.



User Research

Insights from Teachers

Social Media Education

How can educational leaders help reluctant schools adopt social media tools?

This question previously had details. They are now in a comment.

Answer Follow · 7 Request

2 Answers

Phil Wride, Using Social Media to build meaningful relationships

Answered Jan 5, 2011

A lot of this will come down to education for the teachers question. Why is the school blocking the use of them? If distracting then educational leaders should be working to benefits of social media and how it can actually compliment methodology.

Related Questions

- How can social media help a local elementary school?
- How should schools incorporate social media in

Social Learning Collective Intelligence +6

Should social media be taught in school?

Answer Follow · 32 Request

24 Answers

Related Questions

- Why do school teachers refer to social media as the internet?
- How should schools incorporate social media in the classroom?
- What has social media taught you about people?
- Will social media be taught in grade schools?

Classrooms Schools Social Media Education

How should schools incorporate social media in the classroom?

8 Answers

David Wees, Learning Specialist: Information Technology

Answered Jan 25, 2011

First, schools should look at the purpose of social media which is largely about increasing communication across physical boundaries, and ask themselves, where could we do with more communication?

Related Questions

- Should social media be used as a tool in a classroom?
- Should social media be taught in school?
- Should a school block or allow access to social media in the school building and why?
- How can social media help a local elementary school?
- How can educational leaders help reluctant

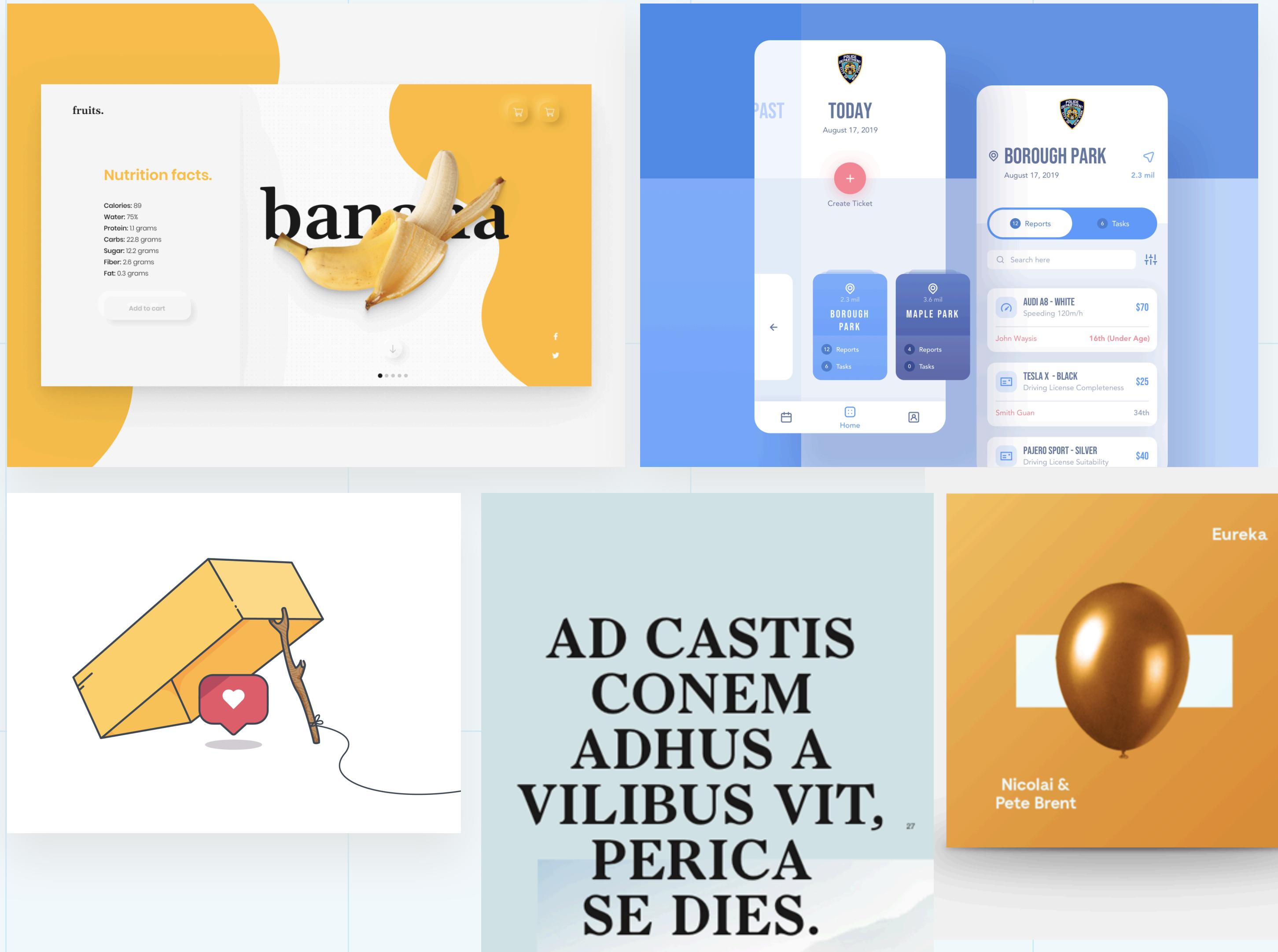
User Goals x Design Tenets

3 Key Takeaways

- 1 The site talks a lot about mission and goals but doesn't **showcase** the product
- 2 Addressing key concerns around **cost** and **safety** is vital to winning educators' **trust**
- 3 Visually, the site should be **not too childish** as to detract from professionalism, but still make TestDrive feel **approachable**

Inspiration x Brand Attributes

Moodboard



Brand Attributes:

- Professional
- Trustworthy
- Accessible
- Easy-to-use
- Engaging
- Personable

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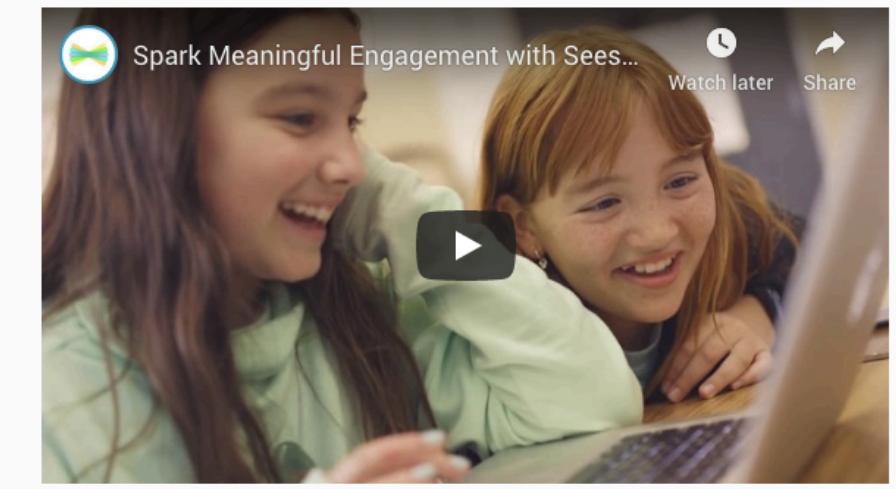
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Bring the world's most popular language learning platform to your classroom.

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You can now track progress on Duolingo!

Design Proposal

Final Prototype

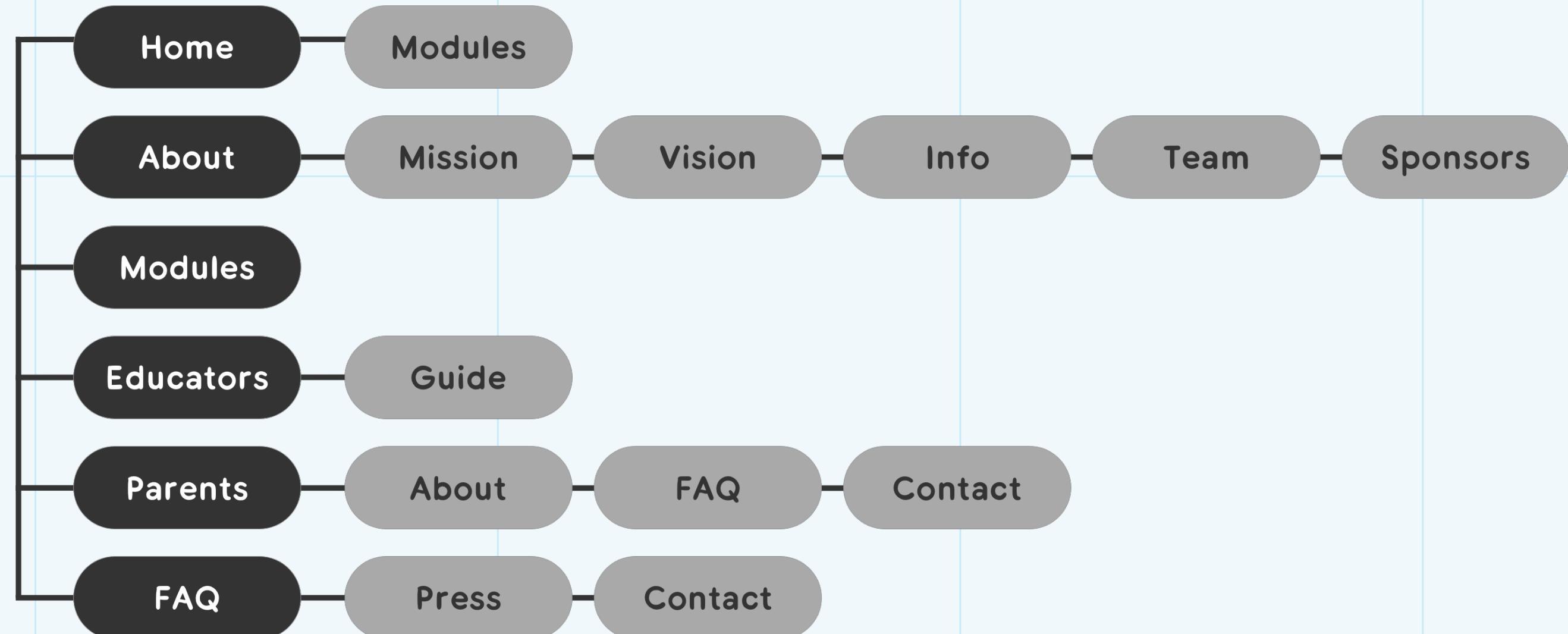
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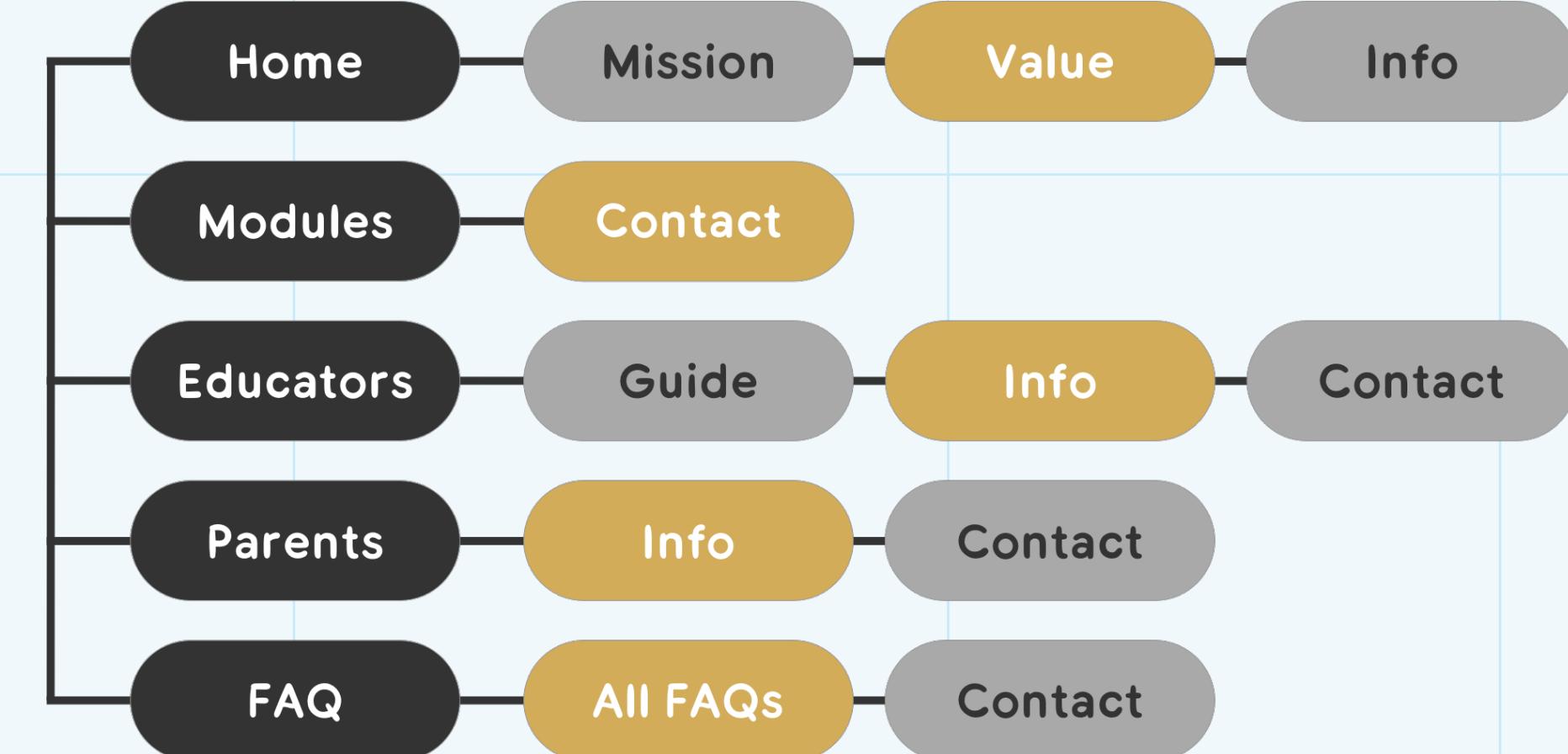
Site Flow

Information Architecture

Current



Proposed



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Home

1 Consolidated Home & About

Primary info in About (Vision, Mission) moved to splash, with secondary info (Team, Sponsors) pushed back into footer links

2 Value-adds upfront

Summarize value drivers immediately; include mention that TD is free

3 Target audience JTBD's

Tailor sections for both educators and parents as primary site visitors

4 Remind CTA

Surface CTA to access modules again to remind users to take action

The wireframe shows a top navigation bar with 'TestDrive', 'Modules', 'For Educators', 'For Parents', and 'FAQs'. Below this are four main content areas:

- Learn digital citizenship skills in a social media simulation.** (Section 1)
Subtext: Social Media TestDrive prepares young people for the online world through experiential learning in a simulated social media environment.
Call-to-action: View modules
- Vision & Mission**
Subtext: Our vision is a kind, safe social media world in which people connect and engage in prosocial ways.
- Safe**
Subtext: TestDrive is a simulation, so kids can learn online behavior without real-life consequences.
- Relevant**
Subtext: Lessons cover a broad range of skills for digital literacy and online behavior relevant to today's kids.
- Free**
Subtext: TestDrive is a free resource for educators to incorporate into their classrooms and curriculum.
- Value Prop #1**
Subtext: TestDrive simulates realistic digital dilemmas and scenarios that young people may encounter as they enter the social media world.
Subtext: Each lesson teaches essential digital citizenship concepts, covering topics such as privacy, online identities, cyberbullying, and more.
- Value Prop #2**
Subtext: TestDrive is targeted for middle school-aged youth

To the right of the content areas are two columns:

- For Teachers**
Subtext: Educators can use TestDrive to engage with students and spark conversations around what it means to be prosocial online.
Subtext: TestDrive's lessons are aligned with Common Sense Education to provide a curriculum that covers emerging topics in digital literacy.
- For Parents**
Subtext: TestDrive lessons can be completed from the comfort of your home, and we encourage parents to try it out with their children.
Subtext: We do not store or collect any personal or identifying information, so your child's data will always be safe on our product.

At the bottom right is a call-to-action button labeled 'Do the thing'.

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2 Balance text & rich media

Keep paragraphs short and intersperse graphics as visual breaks

3 Product previews

Allow site visitors to get a sense of what the actual web app looks like

4 Playful shapes

“Glimpse” into the experience of using TD;
keeps the site personable without sacrificing professionalism

The TestDrive website features a clean, modern design. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'Lessons', 'For Educators', 'For Parents', and 'FAQ'. Below the header, a large call-to-action section reads 'Practice digital literacy skills in a social media simulation.' It includes a circular photo of two young people interacting, a 'Try a lesson' button, and a numbered callout '1' pointing to a text block about experiential learning in a simulated social media environment.

Below this, there are four main features highlighted with numbered circles:

- 1 Safety first:** Shows a shield icon with a checkmark. Text: 'TestDrive is a simulation, so kids can learn online behavior without real-life consequences.'
- 2 Essential topics:** Shows a hashtag icon. Text: 'Lessons cover a broad range of skills for digital literacy and online behavior relevant to today's kids.'
- 3 100% free:** Shows a piggy bank icon. Text: 'TestDrive is a free, constantly-updated resource for educators to incorporate into their classrooms and curriculum.'
- 4 Education for the digital age:** Shows a goat wearing sunglasses icon. Text: 'TestDrive simulates realistic digital dilemmas and scenarios that young people may encounter as they enter the social media world.'

At the bottom, there's a section titled 'Prepare kids for the online world' with a small image of people walking in a forest.

This screenshot shows a simulated social media chat interface. It includes a profile picture for 'Sam Hill', a message from 'Jenny Chen' saying 'looks like fun', and a reply from 'Sam' asking 'idk u but u seem cool tell me about urself'. There are also sections for 'Write a Comment' and 'SEND'.

TestDrive is targeted for **middle school-aged youth** (ages 9-13) who are likely to enter into the social media world in the near future.

TestDrive lessons can be done individually, in pairs, or as a guided group activity in educational settings to facilitate learning outcomes.

2 A trusted resource for the classroom

Educators can use TestDrive to engage with students and spark conversations around what it means to be prosocial and ethical citizens online.

TestDrive's lessons are aligned with Common Sense Education to provide a curriculum that covers emerging topics in digital literacy.



3 Great for parents, too

TestDrive lessons can be completed from the comfort of your own home, and we encourage parents to try it out with their children.

We do not store or collect any personal or identifying information, so your child's data will always be safe on our platform.

4 Ready to get started?

Take a TestDrive

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Modules

1 Reiterate value prop

Provide a brief intro and reinforce the value of modules before jumping into topics

2 Scalable architecture

UI elements like search bar and pagination support scalability as more modules are added

3 CTA for engagement & user data

Opportunity to hear from users and get data about what topics are most requested

The best way to navigate the digital world.

1

From privacy to personal information, fake news to digital footprints, and targeted ads to toxic comments, TestDrive has your kids covered.

2

Search



Is it private information?

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Did we miss anything?

Suggest a topic and we'll get to it, eventually.

3

Contact us

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How to represent modules?

1 Categorical + Carousel

Group modules by category with h-scroll interaction.
Difficult because each module covers a distinct topic.

Privacy & Data Collection

- Is it private information?
This lesson teaches what is safe to share with different social media audiences and what information is inappropriate to share.
- Social media privacy
This lesson teaches what is safe to share with different social media audiences and what information is inappropriate to share.
- Targeted advertisements
This lesson teaches what is safe to share with different social media audiences and what information is inappropriate to share.
- > Blah blah
This lesson teaches what is safe to share with different social media audiences and what information is inappropriate to share.

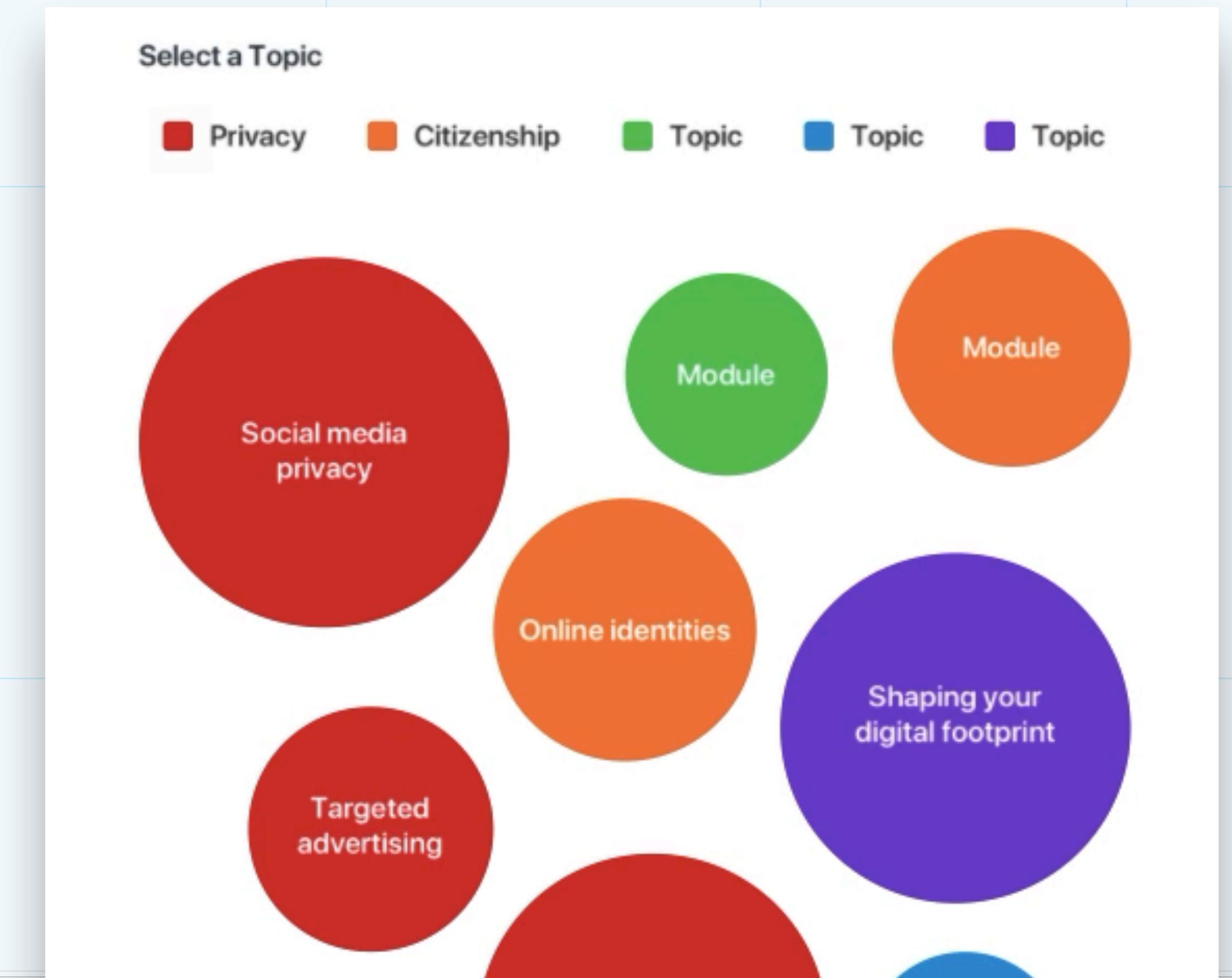
Your online presence

- Online identities
This lesson teaches what is safe to share with different social media audiences and what information is inappropriate to share.
- Shaping your digital footprint
This lesson teaches what is safe to share with different social media audiences and what information is inappropriate to share.
- Social media habits
This lesson teaches what is safe to share with different social media audiences and what information is inappropriate to share.
- > Blah blah
This lesson teaches what is safe to share with different social media audiences and what information is inappropriate to share.

Other topic

2 Categorical + Data Viz

More interactive way to surface modules; leverage size to denote popularity. But, runs into same problems as 1).



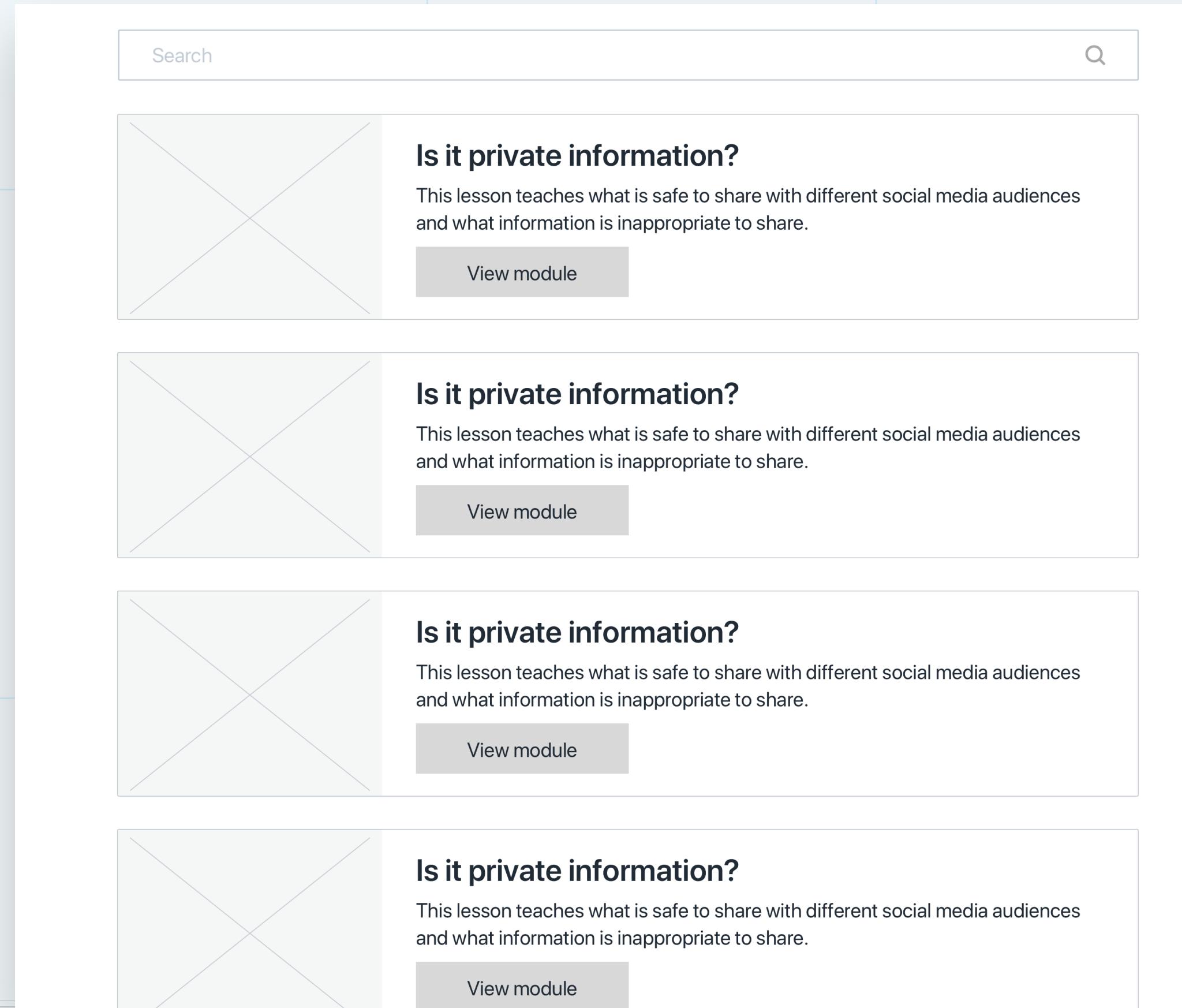
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How to represent modules?

3 List View + Pagination

Group modules in a list view with pagination controls.

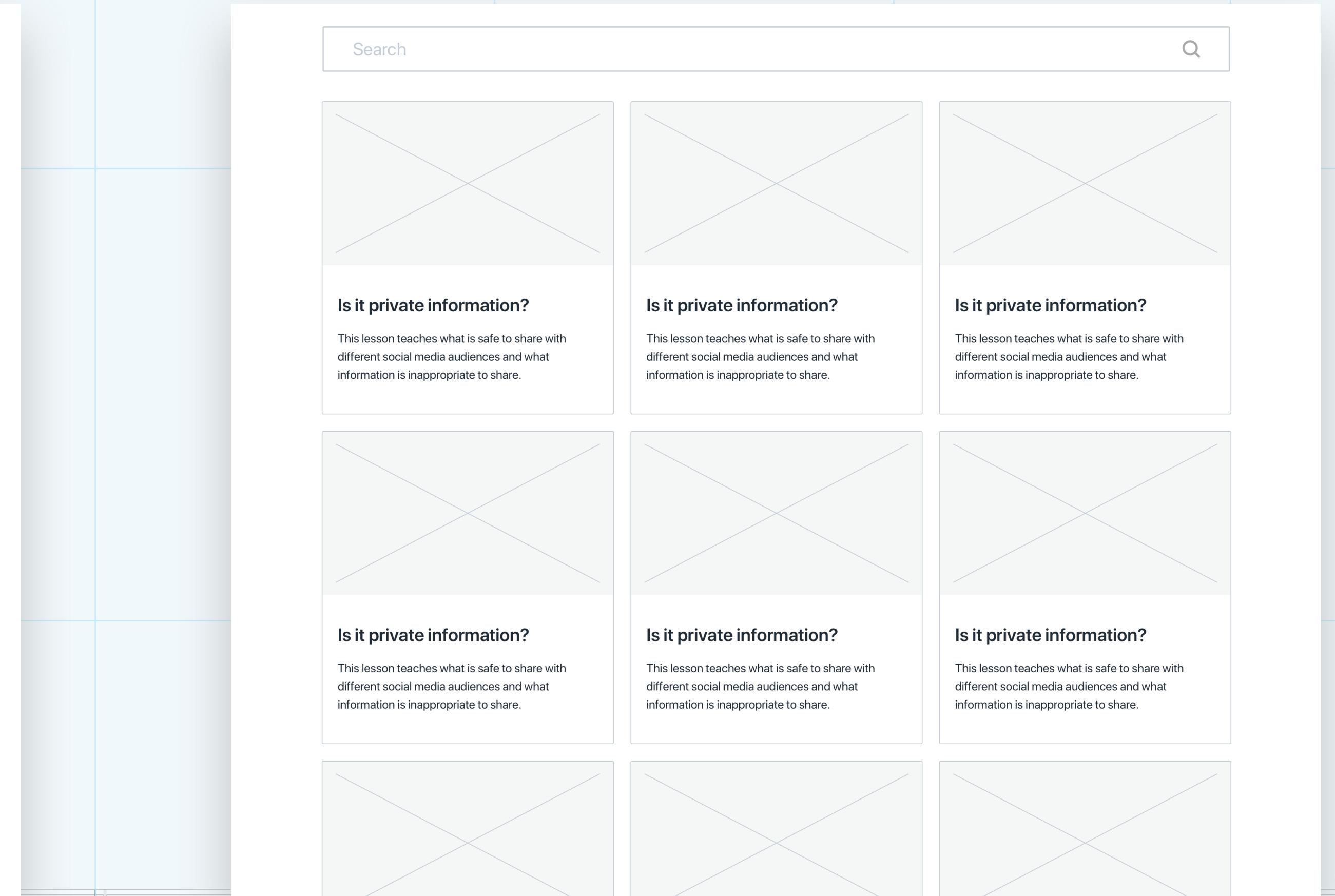
Requires more scrolling, but more real estate for each module.



4 Grid View + Pagination

Group modules in a 3-column grid with pagination controls.

Less space for individual modules, but can fit more.



High Fidelity Lessons

1 Simplify jargon

Replace instances of “Modules” with “Lessons” since they’re currently used interchangeably

2 Data-informed

Surface most popular Lessons first based on clickthrough data from Google Analytics

3 Consistent visual style

Replace stock vectors with real-life images to look more consistent & professional

The best way to navigate the digital world.

From privacy to personal information, fake news to digital footprints, and targeted ads to toxic comments, TestDrive has your kids covered.

Search a topic (e.g. privacy, cyberbullying, phishing)



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How to be an Upstander

This lesson teaches how to detect signs of cyberbullying and how to respond when seeing cyberbullying happening to others.

Aligned with Common Sense Education's Digital Citizenship Lesson: [Upstanders and Allies: Taking Action Against Cyberbullying](#)

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Aligned with Common Sense Education's Digital Citizenship Lesson: [Chatting Safely Online](#)

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Shaping a Digital Footprint

This lesson teaches how actions on social media create a digital footprint and skills to positively shape digital footprints.

Aligned with Common Sense Education's Digital Citizenship Lesson: [Social Media and Digital Footprints](#)



Online Identities
This lesson teaches how to manage self-presentation and how online identities can change with different audiences.

Aligned with Common Sense Education's Digital Citizenship Lesson: [Who Are You Online?](#)



Social Media Privacy
We have made changes to our User Privacy Notice to reflect our ongoing commitment to privacy. We use your data and keep it safe. We have updated our Data Protection standards to address the needs of our users.

Aligned with Common Sense Education's Digital Citizenship Lesson: [Being Aware of What You Share](#)



News in Social Media
This lesson teaches why fake news exists and how to identify the telltale signs of fake news on social media.

Aligned with Common Sense Education's Digital Citizenship Lesson: [Finding Credible News](#)

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For Educators

1 Easier access to info

Make key details from the Educator Guide more prominent & accessible

2 Testimonials

Build user trust and brand equity from teachers who have used (and loved) TestDrive

3 Helpful intervention where needed

If users still have questions after reading all of the above, remind them they can see the FAQ

All you need to teach digital literacy, 100% free.

TestDrive makes it easy for educators to introduce a digital literacy curriculum for their students.

Get educator guide



Teacher Value #1

1 TestDrive simulates a safe environment that still feels real to what students will actually see when they enter social media. Totally lit, fam.

Teacher Value #2

Everyone remembers the teacher who made a difference in their life. With communication tools like Reflections, TestDrive helps you direct open, meaningful conversations with students.



Testimonials

Teacher 1	Teacher 2	Teacher 3
I think it's interesting to them, and for us – it's something they need to learn, from a life skills perspective. It fills a gap – both for the kids' interest and our goals as educators.	I think it's interesting to them, and for us – it's something they need to learn, from a life skills perspective. It fills a gap – both for the kids' interest and our goals as educators.	I think it's interesting to them, and for us – it's something they need to learn, from a life skills perspective. It fills a gap – both for the kids' interest and our goals as educators.



Still have more questions?

Check out our FAQ for more details about TestDrive for educators.

See the FAQ

High Fidelity For Educators

1 Cross-page consistency

Visual treatment for images and product screenshots consistent with Home

TestDrive

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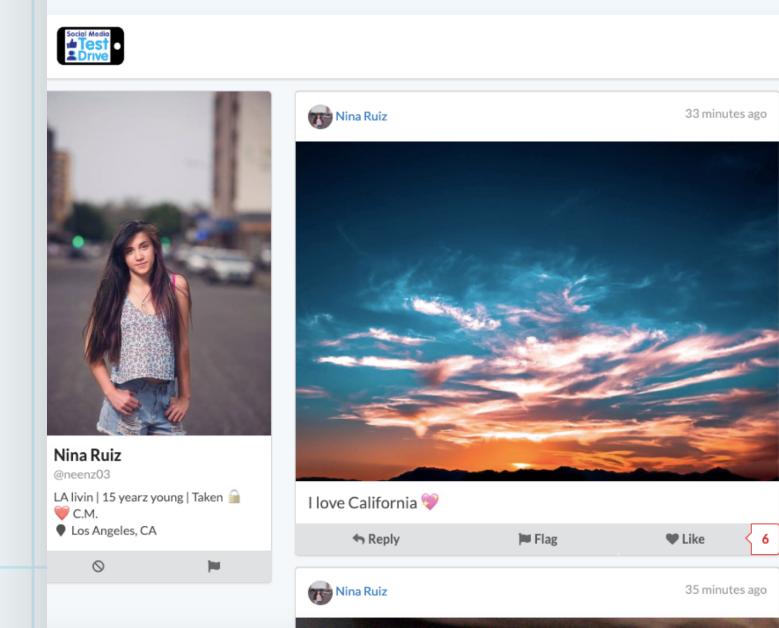
Get the educator guide



1

2 Branding

Infuse brand through micro-details like profile border color



Lessons for 21st-century students

TestDrive simulates a safe environment that still **feels real** to what students will actually see when they enter social media. Totally lit, fam.

A space for reflection and open conversation

Everyone remembers the teacher who made a difference in their life, especially with sensitive topics like bullying.

With communication tools like Reflections, TestDrive helps you lead **open, meaningful conversations** with students.

Tell us what you did to be an upstander.

- I flagged the post or comment.
- I "liked" the target's post to show support.
- I wrote a supportive or defending comment for the target.
- I would tell a trusted adult if I saw this kind of post.

Why did you act this way?

Why is it important for people to act against cyberbullying?

What will you do in the future to be an upstander if you see cyberbullying?

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Real teachers, real impact

Mr. McCormick
6th grade science teacher

I think it's interesting to them, and for us – it's something they need to learn, from a life skills perspective. This fills a gap – both for the kids' interest and our goals as educators.

Ms. Williams
7th grade English teacher

The lessons and my curriculum are very complementary - you're bringing in what you just learned and responding, thinking about things we can do to be proactive.

Ms. Ravichandran
8th grade math teacher

There was no fussing from students [...] They are actually typing and seeing what they responded - the interactivity of it was engaging to them and made a difference.

Real teachers, real impact

Check out our FAQ for more details about TestDrive for educators.

Get help

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FAQ

1 Tab navigation

More scalable, organized way to group FAQs; partitions content into relevant sections based on user group

2 Remove ‘Media & Press’

Doesn’t fit with purpose & actions on this page; can exist as a separate footer link

TestDrive

Modules For Educators For Parents FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

1 General For Educators For Parents

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Connect with us

We're happy to take any questions or feedback—
email us below!

Contact us

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Menu item 1 Menu item 2 Menu item 3 Menu item 4

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Contact entry points

1 Embedded form (current)

Form directly in the website. Difficult for back-and-forth correspondence unless we turn to email.

Connect with us

We're happy to take any questions or feedback—
use the form below to get in touch!

Name

Email (*required)

Message (*required)

Submit

2 Contact button linked to email

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The screenshot shows a section titled "Connect with us". Below it, a message says "We're happy to take any questions or feedback—email us below!". A blue "Contact us" button is visible. The entire section is highlighted with a large yellow oval.

3 Chat help widget

Provides help at any point in the browsing experience; but, difficult for eng to implement.

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High Fidelity FAQ

1 2-col grid

Maintains readability while making good use of screen real estate

2 Sentence case

Question headings are in sentence case, consistent with the rest of the site

Got questions?

General Educators Parents

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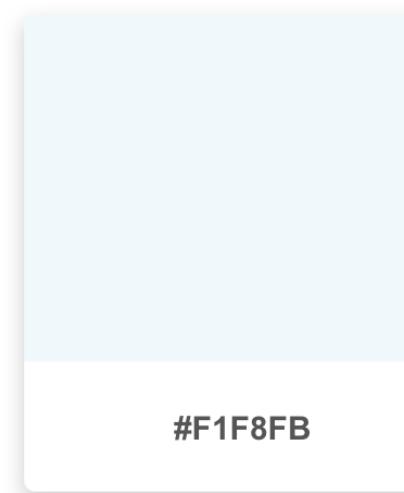
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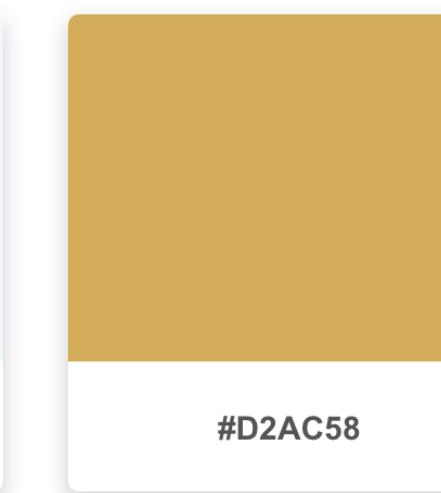
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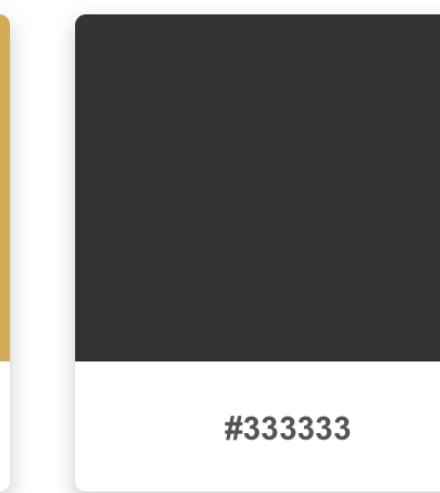
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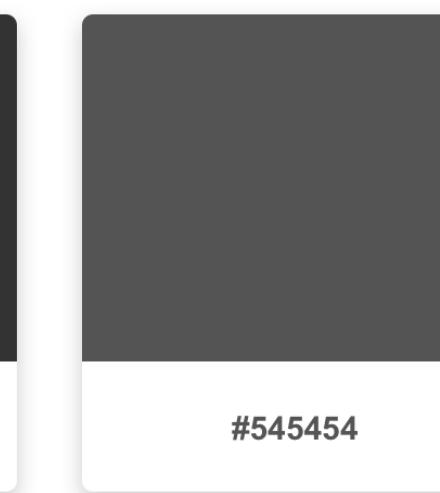
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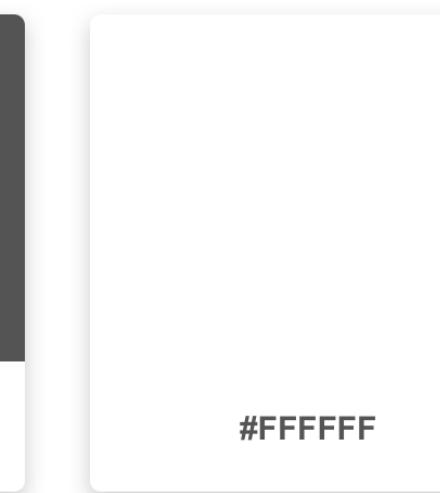
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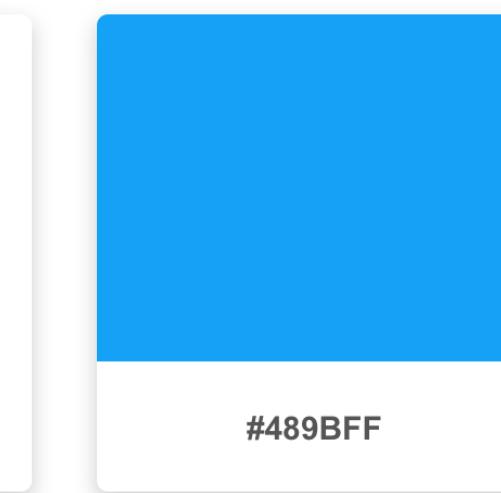
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Text/Light



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Text/Button



#489BFF

Button

Type Scale

H1 Heading 1
48px Bold Hello!

H2 Heading 2
36px Bold Hello!

Button

20px Demi Bold Hello!

Body/Nav

20px Medium Hello!

Caption (Cards)

16px Medium Hello!

Components

Button

Try a lesson

Pagination



Page 1 of 3



Search Bar

Search a topic (e.g. privacy, cyberbullying, phishing)



Tab Nav

General

Educators

Parents

Design Impact

What was the outcome?



Team-wide buy-in 😍



Design Impact

What was the outcome?

Shipped in Spring '20

(20k+ unique visitors)



Natalie Bazarova Ph.D.
Social Media Stories

Find a Therapist (City or Zip)

Making Social Media a Positive Experience for Young Users

Social Media TestDrive offers new ways to learn social media skills.

Posted Mar 26, 2020



In this time of social distancing due to COVID-19, children and adults alike are using social media more than ever to stay connected with friends and family. It has become increasingly important for youth to learn about and practice digital citizenship, in order to engage in safe and responsible communication online and think critically about the content that they may encounter. Meanwhile, school closures all across the country have left parents and educators searching for resources that can support at-home learning.

[Social Media TestDrive](#) is a free digital remote learning resource that



Thank you!