

## Upsides and Downsides of Online Dialogue

Explore the quotes from Assata and Cortana, two young people who frequently discuss civic issues on social media.

Choose two quotes. Read each quote. As you read, record any notes about the upsides and downsides of online dialogue in the graphic organizer below.

Online Dialogue	
Upsides	Downsides

Think & Write: Next, write your reflections to the following questions.

- Do you connect in any way with the perspectives shared by these youth? If yes, describe.

- Can you think of a time when you've posted something online and gotten a comment from someone that gave you a new perspective on an issue or pushed your thinking in a new direction? If yes, describe.
  
- Can you think of a time when you've posted something about a civic issue and received a negative comment? Or a time when you decided not to post something because you were concerned about possible push back or conflict? If yes, describe.
  
- Based on these personal experiences - or online discussions you've observed - record any additional Upsides and Downsides in your graphic organizer.