

Cybersecurity Merit Badge PreReq Worksheet

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1a. (View the Personal Safety Awareness "Digital Safety" video (with your parent or guardian's permission).

Resources: [Personal Safety Awareness "Digital Safety" \(video\)](#)

2a. (Relate three points of the Scout law to things people do on the internet or with computers, phones, and other connected electronic devices.)

3a. (Describe three types of computer systems that need protecting and explain why.)

4e. Current Events. Do ONE of the following:

- **(1) Read an article or a news report about a recent cybersecurity incident, such as a data breach or malware infection. Explain how the incident happened (to the best of your ability based on the information available) and what the consequences are or might be to the victim.**

Resources: [Featured Conversation Starters - Savvy Cyber Kids \(website\)](#)

[Krebs on Security - In-Depth Security News and Investigation \(website\)](#)

[Security News: Cybersecurity, Hacks, Privacy, National Security | WIRED \(website\)](#)

[Cybersecurity News, Insights and Analysis | SecurityWeek \(website\)](#)

- **(2) With your parent or guardian's permission, watch a movie or read a book in which cybersecurity plays a significant role. Discuss how cybersecurity topics were depicted and how realistic you think it was.**

Resources: Suggested Movies: WarGames (1983, PG), Tron (1982, PG), Code 2600 (2011 Documentary, PG), Superman III (1983, PG), Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase (2001, Not Rated), Cyber War 2022 (2023 Documentary, G), Hackers (1995, PG-13), Terms and Conditions May Apply (2013 Documentary, Not Rated), Cyber War (2016 Documentary, Not Rated), and Zero Days (2016 Documentary, PG-13).

Suggested Books: The Cuckoo's Egg by Cliff Stoll, Tom Clancy's Net Force Explorers YA series, The Enigma Girls: How Ten Teenagers Broke Ciphers, Kept Secrets, and Helped Win World War II by Candace Fleming, Cyber-Thief Showdown (Geronimo Stilton #68) by Geronimo Stilton, Little Brother by Cory Doctorow (read for free online), Cyberama: A Children's Book on Internet Safety and Cybersecurity, The Renegade Reporters by Elissa Brent Weissman, The Oracle Code by Marieke Nijkamp, Hacker by Malorie Blackman, and City Spies series by James Ponti.

