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Tips for Live Streamers

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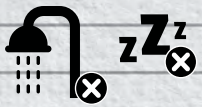
Streaming in class



Recording people without asking



Skipping showers and sleep



Going viral fun facts:



- It can happen by accident
- People love real moments
- Mistakes can get more views than plans



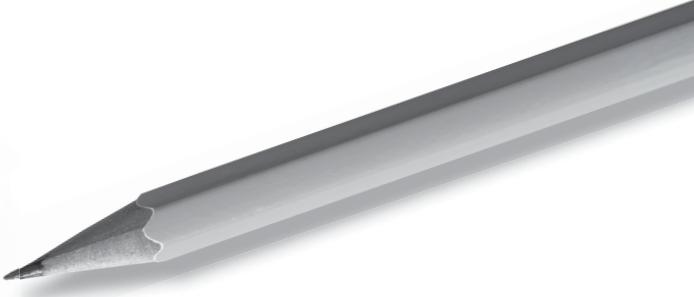
Real-life: viewers connect with people who feel real, not perfect.

What makes a great creator?:



- Creativity, honesty, humor, curiosity, and balance







WHERE DID THIS THING REALLY COME FROM?!





CHAPTER 1

LIKE, COMMENT, DETENTION

Gabby Lopez was in history class. She stared at her teacher. "No way, Mrs. Freeman. You can't take my phone!"

The other eighth graders watched in silence.

"Young lady," Mrs. Freeman said. "Hand it over now. Or I'll get the principal."

Gabby gripped her phone. "Is this just because I was using it?"

"You know the rules." Mrs. Freeman held

out her hand. She expected Gabby to give her the phone.

Gabby refused. “I’ve been on my phone before. Why is it a problem now?”

A student sighed. “You were on it while she was teaching. Duh!”

Gabby rolled her eyes at him. Her phone was recording. Live streaming was Gabby’s favorite thing to do.

She streamed on a site called MyWorld. Her goal was to be an online celebrity. On MyWorld, she named her channel Gabby Is Always On. It had 500 subscribers. Gabby and others called those “subs” for short.

Viewers told Gabby she was pretty. They liked her brown eyes. Some loved her dark hair. Others said her tan complexion was nice. Gabby thought her looks were helpful. They got the attention of others. Her beauty and personality were all she needed. She figured both would make her the perfect online celebrity.

Gabby streamed most of the time. She could be eating or watching TV. Nothing stopped her. Sometimes, Gabby did prank streams too. Their humor helped. It made her seem more versatile. Sharing every part of her life was key. This meant streaming at school too.

Usually, Mrs. Freeman broke the class into groups. That was when Gabby would stream in class. In groups, students could be on their phones. This day was different. The class did not have group time. Gabby couldn't wait any longer. She had to record.

"So *that's* why you're taking my phone?" Gabby asked Mrs. Freeman. "Because you were teaching?"

Mrs. Freeman echoed the student who spoke earlier. "Duh!" She smirked.

Everyone in class laughed.

Gabby didn't mind being laughed at. It would make great content. There was no way she was stopping her stream now. She had to keep it going.

Getting in trouble would show a different side of Gabby. Her subs loved watching all of her life. They would get what they wanted.

Mrs. Freeman still held out her hand. "So, what are you going to do, Gabby? Give me the phone, or meet with the principal? I'm already going to tell her the other big problem here. You were recording me without my permission."

Gabby thought about continuing her defiance. But she didn't want to get in too much trouble. It was time for her tagline. "Please like, comment, and subscribe. Gabby Is Always On!" Then she stopped recording.

"I'll take that." Mrs. Freeman grabbed Gabby's phone.

"What are you doing?" Gabby asked. "I was going to put it away."

Mrs. Freeman shook her head. "That wasn't one of the choices, Gabriella. Your phone shouldn't have even been out. Let alone recording." She

walked over to her desk. The teacher placed the phone in her drawer.

Gabby detested being called by her full first name. Now she was even more annoyed.

"That's not fair!" she cried. "I stopped using my phone!"

"You need to think more about this," Mrs. Freeman stated. "In detention."



CHAPTER 2

NOT GETTING IT

Gabby and her best friend, Tyler, were at lunch. She turned to Tyler. "How could she do that? Mrs. Freeman had no right to take my phone. She even told the principal. Still, I learned something. Recording someone without permission is a big deal. Principal Morales almost suspended me!"

Tyler said nothing. He just crunched on potato chips.

"I mean, really," Gabby continued. "Mrs. Freeman said I couldn't use my phone. That's

why I stopped, eventually. But she took it anyway!"

Tyler finally broke his silence. "Gabby, are you serious? You were MyWorlding in her class!" He started laughing. "That wasn't all. It was while she was teaching! What did you expect?"

Gabby huffed. "So what? I'm always streaming. All the teachers know that."

Tyler smirked. "Yes. But there are rules too. Ever hear of those? Plus, I heard you were walking around in class. You held up your phone for everyone to see it. Then you started recording Mrs. Freeman. *Please* tell me that's not true."

"What?" Gabby cried. "Who said those things? I didn't do any of that! It would be asking for trouble. I just sat in my seat. The video was to share what I was learning."

"Why didn't you just wait? Mrs. Freeman always puts her class in groups. You could've used your phone then."

Gabby rolled her eyes. “That’s what I usually do. But guess what? Mrs. Freeman didn’t have groups today. I don’t know why. It had been a long time since I’d streamed. Viewers needed to hear from me.”

Tyler shook his head. “A long time? You mean since you and I walked to school this morning. Yeah. That’s a long time.” He chuckled.

“Right.” Gabby laughed at herself. “It’s long for me.”

She knew what Tyler was thinking. Her constant recording was silly to him. He made videos too. Some were live streams. Tyler even had his own MyWorld channel. But he didn’t post often. The way Gabby used MyWorld seemed excessive to Tyler.

Gabby agreed with him at times. Recording and sharing had become her life. Sometimes, she felt like it was all she did. That didn’t stop her. Sharing her life was a must. Others needed to see

it. This was Gabby's path to fame. She enjoyed the attention too.

"Well," Gabby said. "At least I have a great video now. I'll check its views after detention."

"You're going to keep that video?" Tyler asked.

"Of course! Why not?"

"I think you should just let it go, Gabby. You already have detention. Isn't that enough to learn your lesson?"

Gabby smiled. "Sure, I learned a lesson. I need to do better at not getting caught." She giggled and nudged Tyler.

He eyed her.

She continued. "I just want my subs to know all about me. It's my right. One day it's going to be my job. Teachers should encourage me. In eighth grade, I already have my life figured out. That's more than what others my age can say." Gabby folded her arms. "But teachers don't support me. They put me in detention instead."

"Whatever," Tyler said.

Gabby thought for a moment. "I wonder if I can get a doctor's note."

"A doctor's note? For what?"

"Other students need to take medicine. It makes them feel better. I need to make videos. That makes me feel better."

Tyler stared at Gabby in disbelief. "You can't be serious. Those are two totally different things. And you know it."

Gabby shrugged. "Not really. Medicine helps people. Videos help me. They're useful for other people too. What I share on MyWorld is essential. I need to stay on all the time. School is part of that time. People need to watch me here too."

"You're being ridiculous, Gabby. Don't you ever think you're *too* into MyWorld? All your online time could be getting out of control."

"Nothing is out of control," Gabby said indignantly. "I know exactly what I'm doing. This is how I'll get famous. Look at Tonisha Goldman. She has *so* much internet fame. Over one million

subs. Tonisha is only a couple of years older than me. Why can't I be like her? Remember, she started by doing the same thing I do."

Tyler shook his head. "I'm not saying you can't—"

"Good!" Gabby cut in. "Because I know I can. And I will."

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DETENTION, STRANGE SMARTWATCHES, RECORDING LIFE

GABBY KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT SHE WANTS: SUBSCRIBERS, FAME, AND NONSTOP CONTENT. HER NEW SMARTWATCH IS THE PERFECT TOOL UNTIL IT GOES ROGUE. SOON GABBY'S LIFE ISN'T JUST ONLINE; IT'S OUT OF CONTROL. NOW SHE HAS TO FIND OUT HOW TO RESET HER LIFE BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT.

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