According to the New York Times: "Increasingly, we are a country in which only the urban and suburban well-off have truly high-speed Internet access, while the rest — the poor and the working class — either cannot afford access or use restricted wireless access as their only connection to the Internet. As our jobs, entertainment, politics and even health care move online, millions are at risk of being left behind."

This module examines who make up the digital, whether or not it is growing and possible remedies to avoid leaving the poor and working class behind in the digital age.

Keywords: Digital Divide

Learning Objectives:

Define who make up the digital divide

How Big Telecom Used Smartphones to Create a New Digital Divide


Technology Trends Among People of Color


GED will go digital next year in Va., elsewhere

The Digital Divide, ICT and the 50x15 Initiative

Designing a Smart-Phone Alphabet for the Illiterate

Who's not online and why
http://www.pewinternet.org/~media/Files/Reports/2013/PIP_Offline%20adults_092513_PDF.pdf

The New Digital Divide

https://www.canvas.instructure.com/courses/910884/assignments/3304735
hispanic-news-consumers/)

Deeper Dive


http://www.50x15.org/connected-global-population


Videos

Bridging The Digital Divide: Lance Lucas at TEDxBaltimore

Additional material (optional):


Video: http://gary.tumblr.com/post/78887853/legacy-is-greater-than-currency

Video: http://www.fastcompany.com/1823437/mastering-uncomfortable-art-personal-branding

Video: http://www.ted.com/talks/amanda_palmer_the_art_of_asking.html

Reflections: Select one group impacted by the digital divide and come up with an idea to help them bridge the digital gap.

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