The Roles We Play (Cyberbullying-Online & Offline)

Learning Target: I can describe the 4 roles that exist in cyberbullying and identify them in different scenarios

**Please read the following terms that relate to cyberbullying:**

**Perspective**: the view or outlook of someone, based on their thoughts, feelings, experiences, and background.

**Target:** a person who is the object of an intentional action

**Offender**: a person who intentionally commits acts to hurt or damage someone

**Bystander**: a person who passively stands by and observes without getting involved

**Upstander**: a person who supports and stands up for someone else

Why is it important to understand someone else’s perspective?

**Cyberbullying Activity I: Online and Offline**

1. Someone posts a picture of your friend with some nasty comments, and other kids make fun of him or her.
   1. What would a “bystander” do in this situation?
   2. What would an “upstander” do in this situation?
   3. What would you do?
2. Aside from a “target”, who else can be impacted by online cruelty?
3. Who else could be involved, implicitly or explicitly?
4. Are actions in an online community different than actions taken offline?
5. How are anonymous actions (like posting on a website or leaving a note) different from things done face to face?