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**Answer the following guiding questions about the movie “Cyberbully”.**

1. During the first scene, Taylor’s mother says “What you do online isn’t exactly private.” What do you think she meant by that? How true do you think that statement is? Explain your answer.

2. Lindsay leaves a mean comment (Lardo and Dogface) on a picture. There is a chat room where people from the school talk trash. Why do you think it’s easier to say things through internet conversation rather than face-to-face conversation?

3. Do you think Taylor should have friended James even though she didn’t personally know him? Why or why not?

What are the possible positives of friending James?

What are the possible negatives of friending James?

4. How do you think Taylor felt when someone hacked into her account and updated her status? Were you surprised when you found out who was the hacker? Explain your answer.

5. Taylor asks Caleb “*You’ve been called a slut or a whore really?*”

He responds by sharing that people have written slurs like “*fairy, fruit, homo, too gay to live*” on his page.

Taylor responds “*Yea but that’s not really the same thing. I mean you really are gay. What they’re saying about you is true. What they’re saying about me isn’t true.*” He responds with “*You really don’t get how messed up it is.*”

Do you agree or disagree with what Caleb said? Explain your answer.

6. Make a prediction. Who do you think “James” is? Explain your answer.

7. How do you think Taylor felt when Cheyenne reacted the way she did after being called a name? Do you think this was the right thing to do as her friend? Why or why not?

8. Were you surprised when you found out the real identity of "James"? Why or why not? Explain your answer.

Why do you think this person did what he/she did?

9. How do bullies get punished? Do you think cyberbullies should be punished like regular bullies? Why can't cyberbullies be punished like regular bullies?

10. When Taylor saw the video, she made one in reply and makes a HUGE decision. This was her breaking point. How and why do you think she got to this point?

11. How do you think Samantha felt when she realized that her actions were a main cause of Taylor's bullying? Explain your answer.

12. Lindsay's dad defended her cyberbullying by saying it was Lindsay's right of freedom of speech. Do you think he handled the situation correctly? Why or why not?

13. How did Taylor's experience with cyberbullying affect her friends and/or family?

14. Why do you think Samantha finally admitted to Taylor that she was "James"?

15. The counselor says that bullying back “adds fuel to the fire”. What do you think that means? Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.

16. Do you think Samantha learned from her mistakes? Why or why not? Explain your answer.

17. Did you expect the movie to end like this? Why or why not?

What would you have done the same? What would you have done differently?

18. Lindsay and her friends continue to bully people even after everything that happened! Samantha, Taylor, Caleb, Cheyenne and Scott finally stick up for each other. Why don't you think they did this earlier?