Acceptable Use Policy: Literary Analysis

Name: _____ Grade / Teacher: _____

Below is an excerpt from the Acceptable Use Policy, which is often referred to as AUP, published online by Cybercrime.gov. After reading this model, be ready to answer a few questions about AUPs.

MODEL ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The school's computer lab is available for educational use only. In order to use the computer lab, students must:

1. **Respect and protect the privacy of yourself and others**. Use only your own account username and password. Don't give out private information to others.

2. **Respect and protect the integrity, availability, and security of all electronic resources.** Students may not destroy files or equipment that does not belong to them, without clear permission of the owner.

3. **Respect and protect the intellectual property of others.** Students may not break the laws of copyrights like making illegal copies of music, games, or movies. Do not copy information without using proper citation.

4. **Respect and practice the principles of the community.** Be kind and respectful. Don't send emails or messages that hurt other people's feelings or create illegal copies of other people's works. Do not send spam or chain letters.

Consequences for Violation: If you break these rules, you may lose the use of the computer lab.

Supervision and Monitoring: Teachers and administrators are watching how you use the computers at all times. They are permitted to report any abuse of the computer lab to the authorities.

I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND MY OBLIGATIONS:

_____ _____ _____
Student Name   Student Signature   Date

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_____ _____ _____
Parent/Guardian Name   Parent/Guardian Signature   Date

These rules also provide a good framework for your use of computers and other devices at home, at public libraries, or anywhere.