

# Assignment: Online Identity vs Real Identity

Some people enjoy creating alternate lives online. Virtual worlds like Second Life make it possible to "live" a complex imaginary life through the Internet. Gamers often identify themselves only by an alternate game name, and can easily create profiles that do not match reality. People in online chatrooms can also lie about who they are, changing their age, sex, marital status and location.

***Click here to read an article about one woman's alternate life.***

[http://www.sptimes.com/News/060301/Worldandnation/Kaycee\\_chronicles\\_li.shtml](http://www.sptimes.com/News/060301/Worldandnation/Kaycee_chronicles_li.shtml)

Then, respond to the following statement:

The best way to protect your privacy online is to not use your own name and private information. Alternate identities let you go online without giving away your private identity. Everybody knows that people do this online, so how can it be wrong? The Internet is a place where people should be able to write and say and be what they want. There are too many rules in real life—we need a place without rules.

**Question: Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?**

**Task: Find and summarize an online article that supports your opinion.**

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Your answer should be **at least one page** and must include:

1. Your opinion.
2. A link to an article that supports your opinion.
3. A summary of this article.
4. A “snip” of the article (Snipping Tool).
5. Explain why your opinion lines up with Kaycee’s story (or not).
6. A concluding statement.

Here are some horrific examples of online identity issues.

- **Kingston man charged in international child-porn case (2006)**  
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/kingston-man-charged-in-international-child-porn-case/article20412488/>
- **Ex-principal sentenced to jail for internet luring**  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/ex-principal-sentenced-to-jail-for-internet-luring-1.1179557>
- Teens charged for postings on Facebook:  
- In [2003](#), [2013](#), [2013](#), [2013](#), [2014](#), [2015](#), [2015](#)