

Chapter 16: From Postcards to PSAs: Activist Soundwriting

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4. “Words Are Weapons” by Lara, Hannah, and Laura

Another prevalent theme that appeared across the Postcard for Privacy submissions was the issue of cyberbullying. Drawing from a range of submissions, Lara, Hannah, and Laura demonstrated how digital environments can amplify hateful and hurtful words.

Transcript

[Sound of computer chimes, as message is sent or received. Sound of computer keys typing. Harmonic music note resonates.]

Female narrator: You should lose some weight. *[Frequency of notes increases as successive statement is made.]* You’re never going to be good enough. Being gay isn’t normal. Stupid snowflake. Take your 400 crazy pills so that you can pretend someone loves you. You should just kill yourself.

Second female narrator: Words are weapons online and in person. End the abuse. Stop cyberbulling. Save a life. Brought to you by EFA at CSU and your friends at KCSU.