**Computer Ethics**

Search for recent essays and articles on computer ethics. Look for biographical information describing the authors whom you encounter most frequently.

Research issues involving potential government regulation of Internet content and the right to free speech. What bills are currently under debate and what restrictions do they propose?

Research codes of ethics published by the computer industry or any organization that uses computers. Make a list of what these codes of ethics have in common.

**Technology Timeline**

1997: Omnivore, an early version of the FBI email interception program Carnivore, is started.

1998: Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act are enacted in the United States. The Online Privacy Alliance is formed. The FBI announces Carnivore.

1999: The National Federation of the Blind files suit against AOL over accessibility issues.

2000: A French court rules Yahoo! must remove Nazi memorabilia.

2001: The U.S. appeals court in San Francisco overrules a judge who found an antiabortion site threatened the lives of abortion providers. Napster’s online free music sharing is ruled a violation of copyright laws.

2003: The music recording industry files suit against 261 individuals and groups for illegally downloading and distributing copyrighted music pieces.

2006: USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act is signed, continuing the authorization for law enforcement agencies to monitor Internet and telephone communications to help in the war on terrorism.