# **Trillion Dollar Footprint**

#### **Directions**

Today you're all producers for "Trillion Dollar Footprint," a popular TV show that tours the country looking for teens to compete in a nationwide talent show. You're looking for a new host for the show. Based on personal statements from several applicants, you have narrowed the candidates to two: Linda and Jason.

The executive producer has hired a private investigator (PI) to dig up whatever he or she can about the candidates online. The PI has created a profile of both of the final candidates with the most important online documents he could find. He has passed along these profiles to you.

Based on these profiles, the executive producer wants you to choose which candidate should host the show. You should be very careful how you choose. Your candidate will be seen by millions of teens, so you should make sure that she or he, in particular: 1) works well with others, and 2) is honest.

#### Step 1:

Working in groups, look carefully through the profiles of both candidates.

# Step 2:

Highlight the information you think is most important, given that you are looking for someone who works well with others and is honest.

# Step 3:

Fill out the Feedback Form on the last page of this handout and reach an agreement as a group about who should be the host.

#### Step 4:

Be prepared to present your selection to the rest of the class, along with specific supporting evidence.

# **Linda's Profile**

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**Description:** Personal Statement by Linda about why she should host TDF, picture included **Search** 

Notes: Received in mail by TV Inc. on January 10, 2015.

January 10, 2015

Hey there, My name's Linda, I'm 21, and I'm a big fan of "Trillion Dollar Footprint." I watch the show every week (I can't believe you kicked off Kevin, btw), and my friends have been telling me for years that I should try to host, because, you see, I'm the best! In addition to being the sweetest girl you'll ever meet, I'm a talented cook and passionate about cooking (you should check out my food blog). I think it's important for the TDF host to have a talent so they can keep the audience entertained. In short, I'm funny, I'm cute and down to earth (see picture), and I'm going to blow your socks off as the new TDF host. Can't wait to hear from ya!



All the Best, Linda

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p.s. — Check out my blog at http://www.onlinediary.com/lindacooks

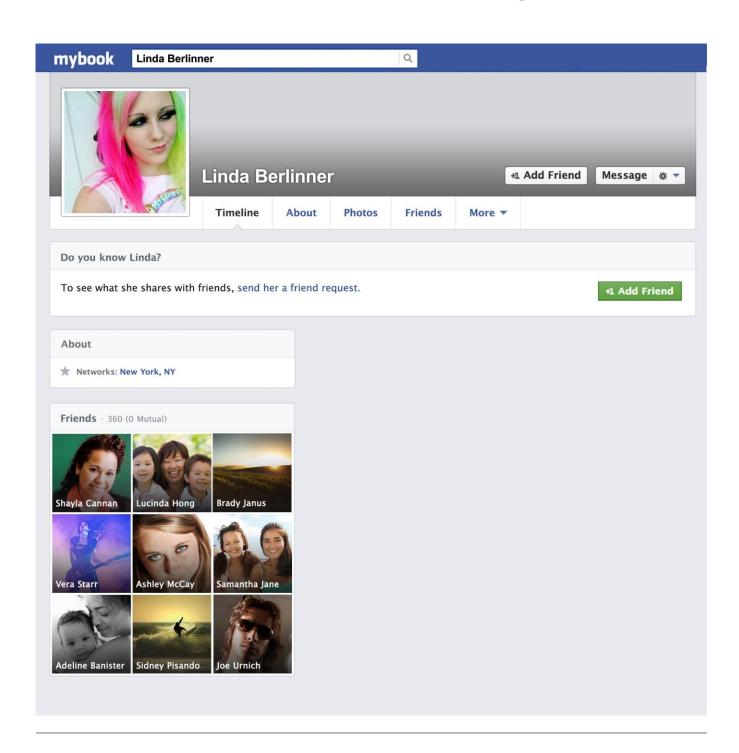
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Title: Linda's MyBook profile

**Description:** Publicly available profile info. Screenshot taken on January 10, 2015.

Search Notes: Found through a search on MyBook for "Linda Berlinner" in the "New York, NY"

network. Linda does not allow non-friends from this network to access her profile.



Document #: 3 of 4
Title: Linda's Blog

**Description:** Two sample posts from Linda's blog, plus her "about me" page. Screenshots taken

on January 10, 2015.

**Search Notes:** Blog URL included in Personal Statement.

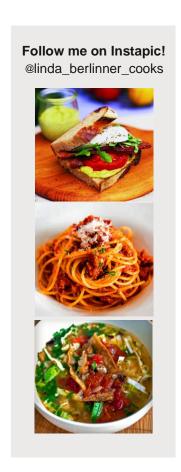
# **Last Night's Dinner**



Shrimp tacos with pinto beans, rice, cilantro, avocado, and lime. Just toss fresh shrimp in lime juice, sprinkle with cumin, salt, and pepper, and grill for a minute or so on each side.

Tags: shrimp, avocado, Mexican, dinner, recipes

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Posted: on January 10, 2015

# **About Me**

Hello World! My name's Linda and I'm 21 years old.

Over the years my friends have encouraged me to teach cooking classes for high school students and this blog is a place for me to put my go-to recipes for them. Enjoy!

Document: 4 of 4 **Title:** Linda's Instapic

Description: An Instapic shared by Linda

Search Notes: Instapic handle (@linda\_berlinner\_cooks) found on her personal blog



### Jason's Profile

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**Description:** Personal Statement by Jason about why he should host TDF, picture included.

**Search Notes:** Received in mail by Reality Inc. on January 10, 2015.

January 10, 2015

Hi there TV people,

My name's Jason, I'm 23, born and raised in Boston, MA (Best! City! Ever!), and I was \*made\* to be host of Trillion Dollar Footprint. As host, I'd love to show off my voice and inspire kids with a talent of my own. When I'm not out on the town with my friends or with my wife, I'm singing with my band or at home hanging out with my cat, Furmonster. Beyond that, I spend a lot of time online watching MeTube videos and stalking people on MyBook (just kidding). So, in conclusion, pick me! I am clearly the best choice.



Sincerely,

Jason Kramer

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Title: Newspaper Article

**Description:** Article from 2015 that references Jason's involvement with a college wrestling scandal

at Hamford College in Boston.

**Search Notes:** Archived on the Boston Daily Press website, found via Google search.

#### Boston Daily Press

#### Four Hamford College Wrestlers Dismissed from Team Over Steroid Use

Monday, January 10, 2015

http://www.bostondailypress.com

Local

News

BOSTON – Four members of the Hamford Bulldogs wrestling team have been suspended for the rest of the season and asked not to return the following year after an anonymous source disclosed information about steroid use, says Head Coach Kevin Casmin.

The four students involved, freshmen Jeremy Dunlevy and Isaac Smith, and sophomores Jason Kramer and Marc Camphor, have written an open letter to the coach, in which they apologize to the team for their "inexcusable actions, which have affected our teammates and our college." However, they go on to speak a "dire need for reform" about the vague rules regarding performance-enhancing drugs and dietary supplements.

— David Hortelheimer

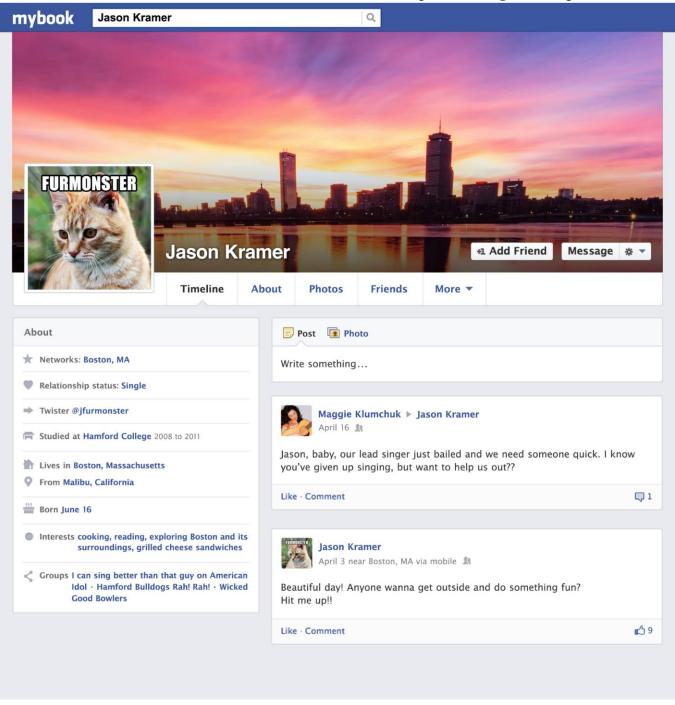
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Title: Jason's MyBook profile

**Description:** Main page of Jason's MyBook profile. Screenshot taken on January 10, 2015.

Search Notes: Found by searching for "Jason Kramer" using an account in the "Boston, MA" network.

Jason lets non-friends in this network access his profile, though not his pictures.



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Title: Jason's Twister account

**Description:** Posts by Jason and from his friends. Screenshot taken on January 10, 2015.

**Search Notes:** Twister handle found on MyBook profile.

