

Internet safety for kids

Video discussion guide

Middle school tween

While cleaning her eighth grade daughter Rachel's room, Linda is shocked to find Rachel's Facebook profile staring at her from the computer screen. Linda had no idea that her daughter, who is not yet 14, was on Facebook. This is the first time Linda has been on Facebook herself. It's clear that Rachel has invested hours and hours building her profile and some of it is quite creative and wonderful. There are lists of her favorite music, movies, books; poems she's written; messages to and from friends spread over the wall; and 17 photos. Rachel has picked a sweet picture of herself at age 6 for her profile picture.

Linda clicks through the other photos and is relieved to find that none are sexually provocative or inappropriate. But then she notices that Rachel has listed every bit of her personal information on her profile page – name, cell phone number, birthdate, school, address – everything! Desperately searching for the profile privacy settings, Linda finally finds a button in the top right corner, clicks on it, and discovers that Rachel's privacy controls are set to My Network and Friends. That sounds pretty private but actually it means that Rachel's profile is viewable by everyone in Milwaukee (the city Rachel lives in IS HER NETWORK). When Rachel comes home from school that afternoon, Linda confronts her about the Facebook profile.

- > How would you handle this conversation? What would be your biggest concerns?
- > How can parents teach kids to self-reflect before they self-reveal?
- > What action would you take or ask Rachel to take to protect her safety and privacy?
- > Many parents feel clueless when it comes to the Web sites their kids visit and at times that makes them less comfortable and confident to bring up issues about Internet safety with their kids. How can parents gain the knowledge and confidence to overcome this challenge?

High school teen

Sixteen-year-old Sam loves to go on Teen Second Life (a virtual world where kids can communicate with one another through avatars). His parents have seen Teen Second Life and they think it's a good outlet for him. One day, when talking about his online friends, Sam mentions to his mom that he's going to meet – in person – one of his online buddies from Second Life.

His mom is worried because she doesn't know the person, but Sam insists, "He graduated a couple years ago from our high school and now works fixing computers. I've been friends with him for a long time on Second Life. He knows how to write his own computer games, so he can teach me. And anyway, my friends are coming with me to his place."

- > Should Sam's parents let him meet this online friend in real life? If so, under what terms?
- > For teens, online friends sometimes feel closer than real-life friends. Why might this be?
- > Do you think it would be different if Sam were a girl?



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Video Discussion Questions

Brittney's Story

1. Why do you think Brittney and her friends wanted to broadcast themselves in the first place?
2. Brittney regrets posting the photos, but are there situations when you think it would be okay, even helpful, to get comments from others online? What are those situations?
3. In what ways did Brittney's actions impact her later? Can you imagine how the posts may impact Brittney in the future, even beyond college?
4. Is there anything that you learned from Brittney's story that made you think about incidents in your own life or your friends' lives? If so, can you share those stories (leaving out personal details)?

Case Studies

case study 1

Emma's Secret Crush Goes Viral

Over the past few weeks, Emma has developed a huge crush on José. She thinks he might like her too. She knows gossip travels like lightning at school, so she tells only her best friend, Chantal, by texting her after school: "Do you think Jose likes me? I kinda have a little crush on him." Emma also swears Chantal to secrecy over the phone later that night. Though Chantal vows to keep her secret, she forwards Emma's text to Zeke, who forwards it to a friend, who ... you know the rest! The next day at school one of the soccer players, Ted, texts Emma: "Emma+Jose=so adorable". Emma is shocked and embarrassed because she told only her best friend, and then swore her to secrecy.

1. If you were Emma, what would you do when you got Ted's text? Who is most at fault, if anyone, for spreading Emma's secret?
2. How would this situation be different if Emma had told Chantal about the crush in person instead of by sending a text message?
3. How could Emma resolve or fix the situation herself? Is there a way she could make the situation better?
4. Has anyone ever shared information about you or someone you know over IM, text, the Internet, etc. that you or they wanted to keep private? If so, what did you do?



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case study 2

My Secret Diary ... Sort Of

Tommy has been writing an online blog about his life that he thought was pretty private because he used a user name that wasn't his real name. But when his parents ask him why he decided not to try out for the basketball team, Tommy figures out that they have been reading his blog, because it's the only place he describes being picked on for being so short. Tommy is annoyed and surprised because he never told his parents about the blog and certainly didn't give them his user name to access it. His blog is technically public, but he didn't think anyone could connect his blog with the "real" him. Tommy later finds out that his best friend's parents told his parents about the blog.

1. What would you say to your parents, if anything, if you were Tommy?
2. How is Tommy's parents' reading his blog similar to or different from reading a diary that he's written in a notebook or paper journal?
3. Do you think it's fair for his parents to read the things Tommy posts on the Internet, given that his blog is technically public? Why or why not?
4. Why might his parents want to read his blog? Given these reasons, how would you react if your parents asked to read your email or text messages?
5. Have you ever been in a situation where your parents or someone else has asked to read something that you felt was private? If so, how did you feel? What did you do?



Choose a Host



Student Handout

Name(s)

Class

Date

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 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:

- Works well with others
- Is honest

1. Working in groups, look carefully through the profiles of both candidates.
2. Highlight the information you think is most important, given that you are looking for someone **who works well with others and is honest.**
3. Fill out the Feedback Form on the last page of the Student Handout and reach agreement as a group about who should be the host.
4. Be prepared to present your selection to the rest of the class, along with specific supporting evidence!



Choose a Host Student Handout

Linda's Profile

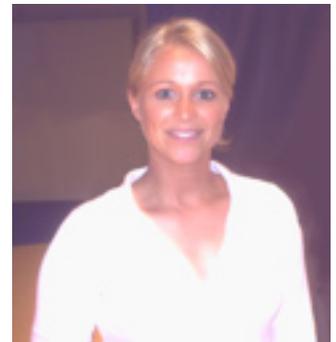
Document #: 1 of 3

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

Search Notes: Received in mail by TV Inc. on April 27, 2010.

April 10, 2009

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 Berlinner



p.s. – Check out my blog at <http://www.onlinediary.com/lindacooks/>

All Photos: <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/>

Document #: 2 of 3

Title: Linda's MyFace Profile

Description: Publicly available profile info. Screenshot taken May 17, 2010.

Search Notes: Found through a search on MyFace for "Linda Berlinner" in the "New York, NY" network.
Linda does not allow non-friends from this network to access her profile.

MyFace
Settings Account Logout

Displaying 1 of 1 results for: Linda Berlinner



Name: **Linda Berlinner** [Friend Request](#)

Networks: New York, NY [Send Message](#)

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Title: Linda's Blog

Description: Two sample posts from Linda's blog, plus her "about me" page. Screenshots taken May 19, 2010.

Search Notes: Blog URL included in Personal Statement.

Last Night's Dinner

Posted [April 3, 2009](#)



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](#)

[No Comments] [leave a comment >>](#)

Anonymous says:

May 12, 2009

"I just posted this same recipe on my blog last week – click [here](#) to see. Cheater !

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!



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Jason's Profile

Document #: 1 of 3

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

Search Notes: Received in mail by Reality Inc. on April 29, 2010.

April 25, 2010

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 MyFace (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 2005 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, March 13, 2005 | <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 of a “dire need for reform” about the vague rules regarding performance-enhancing drugs and dietary supplements.

-- David Hortelheimer





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Document #: 3 of 3

Title: Jason's MyFace Profile

Description: Main page of Jason's MyFace Profile. Screenshot taken on May 15, 2010.

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.

MyFace Settings Account Logout

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Friend Request

[Send Jason a Message](#)

[Play Scrabulous with Jason](#)

[Poke Jason](#)

Friends
Jason has 169 friends [See All](#)

Isaac Manners

Kate Taylor

Groups

I could sing better than that guy on American idol · Hamford Bulldogs Rah! Rah!
· I HATE YOU, NO SERIOUSLY · Wicked Good Bowlers ·

Jason Kramer

Networks: Boston, MA
Sex: Male
Status: Single
Birthday: June 16, 1985
Age: 25
Hometown: Malibu, CA
Religion: Catholic

Information

Contact Info
Email: jasonkramer@.....com
AIM: Jasonmmm
Website: http://www.flickr.com/photos/.....

Personal Info
Interests: cooking, reading, exploring Boston and its surroundings, grilled-cheese sandwiches
Favorite TV Shows: Too many to count
Favorite Books: The Big Sleep, DaVinci Code, Murder at Midnight, Death of an Expert Witness, anything Agatha Christie...

Work

Work Info
Employer: Schmidt Music School
Position: Janitor
Location: Boston, MA

The Wall

Maggie Klumchuk (Boston, MA) wrote at 9:16 am on April 16, 2008

Justin, baby, our lead singer just bailed, and we need someone quick. I know you've given up singing, but want to help us out?



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Feedback Form

Selection Criteria: List the pieces of evidence from the profiles that demonstrate the candidate does or does not have each of these characteristics.

	Linda Berliner	Jason Kramer
Works well with others		
Is honest		

Final Choice: _____

Main Reasons for Choice:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

