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GRADE 7: THE POWER OF DIGITAL FOOTPRINTS

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Part 1 Directions

Imagine that you work for a media company, TalentScout. Your job is to find a host for a new web-based reality show that will be seen by millions of teens. The show, called Truth Be Told, is about what happens in situations where people lie rather than tell the truth. As part of your search, you go online to dig up information about the candidates, Iliana Williams and Drake Casey. See the search results and the personal statements written by each candidate below. *Does anything you see make you think twice about either candidate?*

Online Search: Iliana's Results

lliana W	lilliams
Document No. : 1 of 5 Description : Personal statement submitted by Iliana Williams; picture included Search notes : Received by email	Document No. : 2 of 5 Description : Snaptalk story Search notes : Screenshot found after name search and added as a friend
Hey there, my name is lliana. I'm 21, and I'm a huge fan of WebTV. I rarely watch anything else. My friends are always telling me I should try to host a show with lots of viewers, 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 see my food blog). I think it's important for the host of WebTV shows 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 host of your new show. Can't wait to hear from ya!	Iliana Williams 16h ago from Camera Roll Outst bein' me!





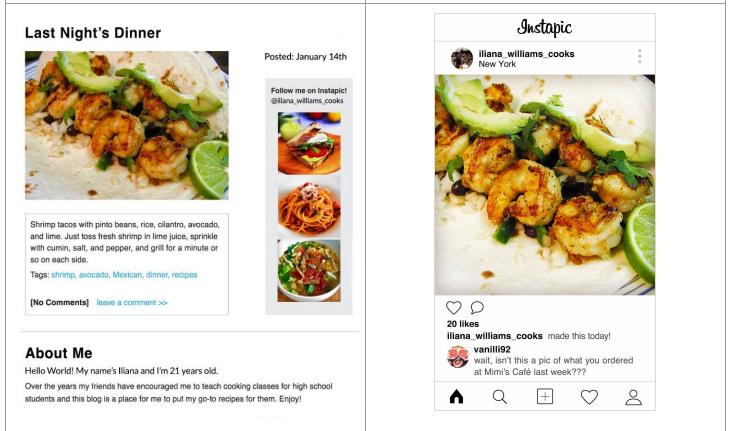


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Document No. : 3 of 5 Description : Post from Iliana's blog	Document No. : 4 of 5 Description : Iliana's Instapic; photo shared by
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personal statement and located via Google	Search notes: Instapic profile
Search	(@iliana_williams_cooks) found on personal blog



Document No.: 5 of 5 **Description**: Customer feedback made by Iliana on a shopping site **Search notes**: Found by Googling Iliana's name

Customer feedback	Most useful first <u>Newest first</u>
liana Williams	January 14
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ This frying pan is awesome! Love the nonstick surface! Really helpful for beginning cooks like me. :)	
	Was the above review useful to you? Yes (0) / No (0)



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Online Search: Drake's results

Drake Casey

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Description: Personal statement submitted by Drake Casey; picture included **Search notes**: Received by email

Hi there,

My name's Drake, I'm 23, born and raised in Boston, MA (Best! City! Ever!), and I was *made* to be the host of your new WebTV show. 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 videos and stalking people on MyBook (just kidding). So, in conclusion, pick me! I am clearly the best choice.



Sincerely, Drake Casey

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Description: Online news article from 2015 that references Drake's involvement with a college wrestling scandal at Hamford College in Boston

Search notes: Found via Google Search in archived stories on Boston Daily Press website

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 Drake Casey 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 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





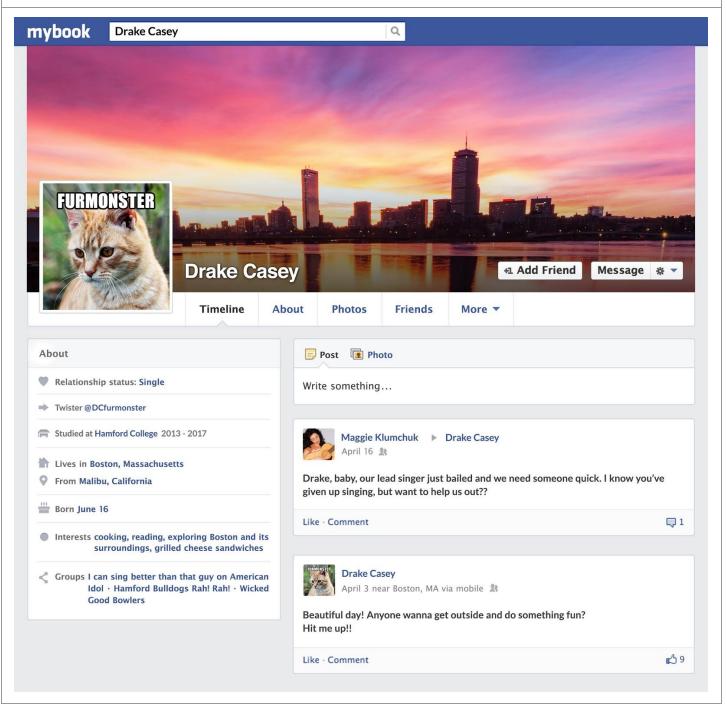


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Document No.: 3 of 5 Description: Screenshot of main page of Drake's MyBook profile Search notes: Found by searching "Drake Casey" and "Boston, MA." Drake lets non-friends in this network access his profile, though not his pictures.









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Document No.: 4 of 5 **Description**: Comment left on a local online news article titled "Teens and Steroid Use" **Search notes**: Found in a Google search of Drake's name



DCasey • 4 mo ago

Interesting how teens athletes get blamed for trying to be their best yet their schools are super okay with pushing them to be "winners." They like us to get them trophies and don't care much about how we do it. It's only after someone calls us out that they get concerned. Then they throw us under the bus with no questions asked! Pitiful.

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Document No.: 5 of 5 **Description**: Posts by Drake and from his friends on Drake's Twister account **Search notes**: Twister account found on MyBook profile and through Google Search

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Part 2 Directions: Take a Stand

After looking at both candidates, the executive producer chose Iliana to be the host. After she was hired, someone anonymously sent a screenshot of a conversation to TalentScout. **Take a look.**

After seeing the new evidence, do you think that Iliana should be fired? Why or why not? Use the steps below with your classmates to take a stand on the issue.

TAKE A STAND

(On your own.) What do you think? Explain your perspective.

STAND BACK

(As a group.) Where do your classmates stand? Listen to their perspectives.



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LOOK AGAIN

(On your own.) Look again at your original response. What had you not considered that other people brought up? (Maybe you changed your mind, maybe you didn't -- that's OK! Either way, you heard other views. How has your thinking shifted after hearing your classmates' perspectives, even if you haven't changed your mind?)

LOOK BEYOND

(As a group.) Look beyond this specific case. How does this dilemma remind you of other situations we've explored in class or that you've seen, heard about, or experienced? (Share your response in the group.)

Part 3 Directions: Complicate (Optional)

In your group, pick and discuss one of the questions below.

- What if the show was not Truth Be Told, but something else? Would it make a difference what Iliana posted?
- Is it important that Iliana represent herself truthfully online? Why or why not? Are there other situations where it wouldn't matter if she represented herself untruthfully?
- What if someone hacked into her account to get the messages? Should this change the decision of the producers?



