**ON THESE PAGES, please provide notation that shows evidence of your thinking, questioning and connecting WHILE you read (text-to-text, text-to-self, and text-to-world), along with your best attempts at figuring out unknown words in context. Then, complete the Food for Thought section at the end.**

**Ahmed Mohamed to Odin Camus: Social media's hard luck-to-happy ending stories**

**Remember Dancing Man and #FindKatie? Social media mob can also bring out best in people**

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Support for technology whiz [Ahmed Mohamed poured in from across social media](http://www.cbc.ca/news/trending/ahmed-mohamed-clock-fake-bomb-1.3231874) this week – but the Texas teen's story certainly isn't the only one that began with hard luck and turned into a happy ending.

Earlier this week, the Texas teen's homemade clock was [mistaken for a bomb](http://www.cbc.ca/news/trending/ahmed-mohamed-arrested-clock-bomb-1.3230261), prompting a call to police from the school. He was arrested, later released with no charges and then became a social media sensation. A slew of invitations, from retired Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield and even the White House, ensued.

We've rounded up a few other stories that turned from bad to good through social media:

**1. Dancing Man**

Remember Sean O'Brien? He's better known as Dancing Man, a gentleman from Liverpool, England, who got fat-shamed on Twitter after dancing at a concert.

That nasty tweet caught the attention of a group of women in the U.S., setting off a chain reaction that started with #FindDancingMan and ended with a shameless dance party in Los Angeles with O'Brien as the guest of honour in May.

The party also raised $70,000 for anti-cyberbullying campaigns in the U.S. and England, [Time Magazine reported.](http://time.com/3895459/dancing-man-sean-o-brien-body-shamed-fat-dance-party-los-angeles/) The Dance Free Movement, which organized the party, released a [short and stirring documentary](https://youtu.be/F76X-QYgsv0) about O'Brien on Thursday.

**2. Tripped refugee gets job in Spain**

A video this week showing [a Hungarian camerawoman tripping](http://www.cbc.ca/news/trending/hungarian-camerawoman-trips-refugees-1.3220051) a Syrian refugee running from police sparked outrage online. But that attention has since brought the Syrian man in the clip, Osama Abdul Mohsen, a job offer to teach at a soccer school in Madrid, the [New York Times reported](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/17/world/europe/syrian-refugee-tripped-by-hungarian-journalist-is-welcomed-to-spain.html).

The school has arranged to rent an apartment for Mohsen, a professional soccer coach in his home country, and to help him apply for refugee status in order to bring his wife and other children from Turkey, the Times wrote.

**3. Odin's birthday party**

Thirteen became a lucky number for Odin Camus, despite the fact his birthday began with no one responding to invitations for his party.

His mother then issued a [Facebook plea to other Peterborough, Ont., parents](https://www.facebook.com/events/369975233187054/) asking them to send birthday messages to her son's new cellphone.

Soon, thousands began tweeting and texting Odin, including Elijah Wood, and Toronto's NBA team the Raptors and MLB team the Blue Jays. Dozens of people crammed into the Peterborough bowling alley to [celebrate with Odin](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/odin-s-birthday-celebrated-by-social-media-supporters-1.3004041) when he arrived in a limousine for his party.

"It's just absolutely, truly amazing," a beaming Odin said March 20.

**4. Love at first flight**

Irishman Jamie Kelly thought he met the girl of his dreams on a plane from Barcelona to Dublin in July 2014. So when he lost track of her in baggage claim, [he turned to Twitter to #FindKatie](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/love-at-first-flight-katie-from-nova-scotia-sought-by-irish-romeo-1.2725200), a Canadian girl with whom he had "hit it off" during a Ryanair flight.

Social media came through – and [Kelly and Katie Moreau reunited](http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/love-at-first-flight-s-katie-moreau-returns-after-irish-encounter-1.2733660) for a so-called dream date in Ireland. The Riverport, N.S., woman said she was flattered by the attention, but found the response a bit overwhelming.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**

**There is much emphasis in schools today about the negative and hurtful use of social media. What about positive results, like the ones you just read in this article? In the space below, please suggest or develop ONE WAY that schools could possibly use or promote social media in a more positive way. (Creating level)**