

#MISSREPTTEST

A quiz grading female characters on defying stereotypes

Have you noticed that girls and women are misrepresented in the media? Why all the emphasis on youth, beauty, and sexuality? We want complex, dynamic female characters we can relate to! Take the #MissRepTest to see if a female character positively represents girls and women or if she falls back on familiar gender stereotypes.

CHARACTER'S NAME: _____

TITLE OF TV SHOW, FILM, SONG, OR VIDEO GAME: _____

QUESTIONS [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

Each question is worth one point.

- The character solves problems, answers complex questions, and acts as a leader using her intelligence.
- The character does not numb her pain with drugs, alcohol, or casual sex.
- The character talks to another female character about something other than boys and men.
- The character has a body type not traditionally celebrated by the media and is not ridiculed or punished for it.
- The character is supportive of other girls and women.
- The character is a person of color or underrepresented minority and is not reduced to a racial stereotype.
- The character does not rely on her sexuality to solve her problems.
- The character identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender and is not reduced to a stereotype.
- The character does not get her sense of worth based on how she looks.
- The character is above the age of 40.
- The character does not address her problems in unhealthy ways, for example with physical or emotional violence.
- The character has a disability but is not defined by that disability.

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Congratulations! The character received an A!

She's a positive representation of what it means to be a woman because she is an intelligent and confident leader. Way to defy stereotypes!

A

9+ POINTS

Good work. The character received a B!

She does a good job of representing women because she's strong and doesn't rely on men to solve her problems. But there are still ways that her character could be more representative.

B

6-8 POINTS

The character received a C.

She has some work to do to positively represent women.

C

4 OR 5 POINTS

Sadly, the female character got a D.

Although she may be entertaining, she probably needs to support other women more and find more inner strength.

D

3 OR 2 POINTS

Unfortunately this character gets an F because she fails to positively represent women.

She may add to there being more women represented on the screen but she's just a combination of tired stereotypes.

F

1 OR ZERO POINTS

