

EDUCATOR RESOURCE—REALITY CHECK 1

Appearance

1. Draw how the lead characters look and write a caption underneath the picture to describe your drawing.

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How do the lead characters compare to most people that you know? Are they considered attractive within the show? Would they be considered attractive in real life? Do you see any parts of yourself in these characters? How do you think someone would feel if they did not see themselves reflected in the lead characters of their favourite show?

Friendships/Relationships

2. Draw the main relationships that the lead characters have (include friendships, family, and romantic partners).

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How do the lead characters' friendships compare with your friendships? Are they portrayed in a realistic way? Is there one kind of relationship that is emphasized as more important than the others? If there are romantic partnerships portrayed in the show, how do these develop? Do you think that attraction, love, and intimacy portrayed in a realistic way? How do the lead characters settle disagreements and conflicts? Would these work in real life? How do you think someone would feel if they did not see their friendships and/or romantic relationships reflected in their favourite show?

Context

3. Draw the overall setting of where the television show takes place.

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Do you recognize this setting in your own life? What parts (if any) of the show's context are also a part of your life, which parts are not? Do you ever wish that this was the context or setting of your own life? How do you think someone would feel if they did not see the setting of their life reflected in their favourite show?
