

Reality Check **2** **3**

Choose a favourite television show, web series, or movie. Work alone or in pairs.

Name of show/movie: _____

Names of lead characters: _____

Appearance

1. Describe the lead characters and their appearance.

2. How do they compare to most people of their age in real life? Are they considered attractive within the show? Would they be considered attractive in real life?

Relationships and Sexuality

3. Describe the relationships that the lead characters have (include friendships, family, and romantic partners).

4. What are the stages in how intimate relationships develop on the show? Is attraction, love, and intimacy portrayed in a realistic way?

5. Are the lead characters sexually active? What kinds of consideration do they give to sexual activity? What matters to them? Are these realistic?

6. How do the lead characters settle disagreements and conflicts? Would these work in real life?

Equity

7. What is the gender(s) of the characters that have the most power?

8. Are different genders shown as stereotypes or as three-dimensional and complex?

9. Are there black, Indigenous, and/or people of colour in the show? LGBTQ+ people? People living in poverty? People with disabilities? If so, are these characters represented as stereotypes or as three-dimensional and complex?
