The LGBT community is often misrepresented in the media, who sometimes reduce LGBT characters to stereotypes and punchlines. Take this quiz to find out how well a character represents the LGBT community and tweet the character's grade at the media makers.

CHARACTER’S NAME: ____________________________

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

QUESTIONS [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

Each question is worth one point and there are ten points possible.

☐ The character’s gender or sexuality is not the only interesting thing about them.*

☐ The character matters to the story and removing them would significantly affect the plot.*

☐ The character is neither ashamed of nor shamed for their gender or sexuality.

☐ The character shows affection with a love interest and these scenes are relevant to the storyline.

☐ The character is transgender.

☐ The character is a person of color or underrepresented minority and is NOT reduced to a racial stereotype.

☐ The character has a disability but isn’t defined by that disability.

☐ The character is in a relationship that seems realistic and matters to the storyline.

* These questions are part of the Vito Russo test
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5 POINTS
Good work. Your character received a B!
This character is a positive representation of the LGBT community.

0 POINTS
Unfortunately this character gets an F because they fail to positively represent the LGBT community.
The character may add to more LGBT representation but is just a combination of tired stereotypes.

3 OR 4 POINTS
Your character received a C.
The character received a C. This character has some work to do to positively represent the LGBT community. While their presence in media is notable, negative representations should not set the standard.

1 OR 2 POINTS
Sadly, the character got a D.
Sadly, this character got a D. Although this character may be entertaining, they are not a complex or positive portrayal of an LGBT individual.

6+ POINTS
Congratulations, the character received an A!
This character positively portrays an underrepresented group within the larger LGBT community. While no character can fully represent a universal LGBT experience, this character champions a narrative that often goes untold.