

HISTORY AND MODERN POP CULTURE MATCH UP

This exercise is meant to challenge the invisibility and silence around historical figures in society that today would be identified as LGBTQ. The first half of the activity matches celebrities in pop culture and media that have been identified as being LGBTQ.

END OF MATCH-UP:

FACILITATOR OBSERVATIONS

It is important to note in any of these exercises that society determines a lot about how we define gender and sex, meaning the pervasive ideas about gender, sex, and sexual orientation vary throughout time and across cultures. These people and terms are also discussed using contemporary context and terminology. The phraseology of “homosexuality” didn’t exist in the past and self-identification may not have actually happened. These definitions are also constantly changing. Historians are even now going back and examining people who today could be considered gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. *Source: Wikipedia*

FACILITATION QUESTIONS

- Which of these figures surprised you the most, if any? Why?
- Why do you think that historical figures might not have been portrayed as being LGBTQ?
- What other groups do you feel are consistently left out of or misrepresented in history?
- How might it feel to be invisible and why might it be important to identify LGBTQ historical figures to students who are themselves LGBTQ?
- What factors have contributed to a negative perception of LGBTQ people? How might we as individuals have the ability to change these societal perceptions?
- What progress do you believe we could still make to promote more positive and accepting views of LGBTQ people in modern society and how could we make this progress?

HISTORICAL ACTIVITY

Use the Prezi to give clues about famous historical and contemporary figures. Most of the clues do not reveal the sexual orientation or gender identity of the individuals. The group can either keep a list individually or in small team and check answers as you move through the list, or you can have the group answer all together person by person. The end of the Prezi covers general perceptions of LGBTQ community over time and leads into the facilitation questions.

END NOTES OF PREZI:

Socially acceptable

- LGBTQ status socially acceptable across cultures and significant periods of time
- "romantic friendships" were a virtuous intimate same-sex relationship between women

- references to same-sex relationships among literary, religious, cultural, and historical figures are common, un concerning, and untitled (LGBTQ is a modern term)

Negative perceptions emerge and dominate

- Biblical and other religious condemnations arise
- 1790's: emerging field of psychology demonizes "homosexuality" by linking it to criminality, degeneration, and psychopathic behaviors
- "non-productive sexuality" was stigmatized in ruralized, developing United States
- 1952: "homosexuality" is listed as a mental illness in The American Psychiatric Association's (APA's) "Diagnostic Manual of Mental Disorders"

Reclaiming acceptance

- 1924: First gay rights organization "The Society for Human Rights" founded in Chicago
- early 1900's: Psychologist Sigmund Freud expresses that homosexuality is the "inversion" of a "normal" heterosexual experience; he also states that "homosexuality... cannot be classified as an illness" and did not believe in the practice of conversion therapy
- 1948: Psychologist Alfred Kinsey publishes "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male" exploring the natural prevalence of a continuum of sexual orientations, including asexuality
- 1969: Stonewall Riots in New York City sparks the creation of thousands of LGBTQ groups across the US
- 1973: "homosexuality" is removed from the list of mental disorders in The APA's "Diagnostic Manual"
- 2013: "transgenderism" is listed as "gender dysphoria" in the APA's "Diagnostic Manual" instead of as a "gender identity disorder"
- 2013: Minnesota becomes the twelfth state (in addition to D.C.) to grant same-sex marriage

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