Q-Tea Resource Guide: LGBT+ Representation in Comics & Anime

GGC Resource Collection Recommendations

Website & Article Recommendations

**Queer Representation in Anime**, *The Artiface*
A brief history.

**Queer Censorship and Representation in Anime**, *Get in the Robot*
Queer representation in anime you might have missed due to censorship.

**The Power of Pride: A History of LGBTQ+ Superheroes**, *NowThis Nerd*
Kya and Dev look into the meteoric rise of LGBTQ+ superheroes.

**Top 10 LGBTQ+ Anime Romances**, *MsMojo YouTube Channel*
Time to get lovey-dovey with the best LGBT romances in anime.
Media Recommendations

**Comics with LGBT+ Representation**
- Miss America (2017 – Present)
- The Backstagers (2017 – Present)
- Lumberjanes (2014 – Present)
- Rat Queens (2013 – Present)
- All-New X – Men (2012 – Present)
- Runaways (2003 – Present)
- Wonder Woman (1941 – Present)
- Pride High (2007 – 2017)
- The New 52 Catwoman (2011-2015)
- Young Avengers (2005 – 2014)
- Demon Knights (2011 – 2013)
- The Authority (1999 – 2010)

**Anime and Manga with LGBT+ Representation:**
- Attack on Titan (2013 – Present)
- Yuri!!! on Ice (2016)
- Love Stage!! (2011-2015)
- Wandering Sun (2003-2013)
- No. 6 (2003-2012)
- Sweet Blue Flowers (2009)
- Simoun (2006)
- Revolutionary Girl Utena (1997)

**Strategies for Critical Thinking**

Consider the following:

- **Who?**
  - Who are the creators/authors/illustrators?
  - Who is the target audience?

- **What?**
  - What are the creators communicating?
  - What did the creators intend to communicate?

- **Where?**
  - Where does the comic/show/piece take you?
  - Where is the piece culturally relevant?

- **When?**
  - When was the piece released?

- **How?**
  - How does the piece make you feel?

**Is the LGBT+ representation in this piece:**

- **QUEER BAITING?** When an author/director/etc. gives hints and clever twists to paint a character as possibly being queer to satisfy queer audiences, but never outright says they are so they can keep their heterosexual audience. *(Source: Urban Dictionary)*

- **FAN SERVICE?** Catering to fan bases’ interests instead of to the integrity of the artistic work as a whole. *(Source: Urban Dictionary)*