Slate.com Article: The 25 Most Important Characters of the Past 25 Years

9th Grade ELA - Assigned







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The 25 Most Important Characters of the Past 25 Years

The detectives, monsters, and racist waterfowl who've changed our world.

Link to Assigned Article:

https://slate.com/culture/2019/08/m ost-important-characters-movies-tvbooks-21st-century.html



What You Should Know

This article was assigned to freshmen in English class. The article includes numerous links to sexually explicit sites, which were accessible on KSD devices. A few key examples of questionable content in the article include:

- Milkshake Duck: "So many people have skyrocketed to viral fame, fueled by social media's insatiable hunger for feel-good stories, only to be brought down by outrage over their anti-Semitic, misogynistic, or pregnancy porn–laden [links] pasts, that it's no wonder Milkshake Duck made Oxford Dictionaries' shortlist for 2017's Word of the Year."
- Bridget Jones: "She counts calories and cigarettes, laments the scourge of male "emotional f*ckwittage," and is forever falling short of her goal to be skinny, sexy, and successful. She's the original basic b*tch."
- Willow Rosenberg from Buffy the Vampire Slayer: "Buffy's depiction of Willow's sexuality hit some familiar pitfalls: Bisexual critics lamented that Willow identified as a lesbian even though she'd had sex with men. Her maniacal "Dark Willow" turn after Tara's death hewed to an angry lesbian trope that didn't seem to fit the character. And it took Willow and Tara an entire year to kiss on-screen, even as the rest of the cast screwed with abandon. But Willow made up for lost time with network television's first lesbian sex scene [links] in Season 7—and more importantly, she set a high bar for all the even better queer love stories that followed."

From links embedded in article (access allowed on KSD school laptops; graphic content not included here):

Ken Bone—undecided voter, red sweater aficionado, star of the second presidential debate likes pregnancy porn. He also thinks the killing of Trayvon Martin was "justified" and allegedly committed felony insurance fraud. We know all this because Bone conducted a Reddit "Ask Me Anything" on Thursday night under his actual username, allowing enterprising journalists to scour his commenting history for unsavory remarks. Hop over to *Gizmodo* to read more about Bone's soft-core porn preferences and private parts. Why not? As of Friday morning, more than 600,000 people already have.

