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## FEMALE STEREOTYPES IN MOVIES AND TV SHOWS

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Work by yourself or with a small group to think up examples from TV and movies for the following stock character types.

STOCK CHARACTER

EXAMPLE

The **tomboy**: strong, smart, capable

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The **dumb blonde**: beautiful but not bright

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The **girl threesome**: they are always together

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The **fool**: someone you laugh at

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The **nurse**: takes care of others

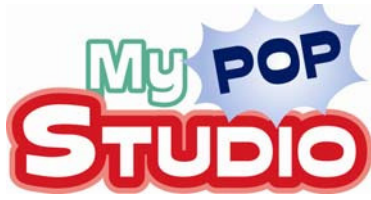
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For fun: make up a story that involves these stock characters. Be creative!

Then discuss: What kinds of adventures are possible with these characters? What kinds of stories are hard to tell using these stereotypes?



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STOCK CHARACTER

EXAMPLE

The **school bully**: mean, insecure and cruel

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The **whiz kid**: brainy sidekick to the hero

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The **honest thief**: only steals to live or to help

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The **fool**: someone you laugh at

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The **womanizer**: loves the ladies

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