

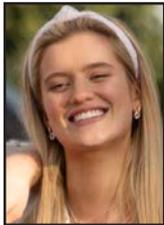
FEELING CONNECTED

Who are you rooting for in *The Wilds*? There are eight girls, mostly total strangers, stranded on a deserted island. Discover these characters and the life-and-death decisions they need to make beginning December 11 on Amazon Prime Video.

PART 1 Empathy is the ability to share and understand how someone else feels. Read the details below. Which of the eight girls do you connect with most and why?



LEAH
Brooding.
Intense.
Creative.
Loner. Hiding a relationship with a man 20 years older.



SHELBY
Confident.
Outdoorsy.
A regular at church and beauty pageants. But she has secrets.



MARTHA
Warm.
Friendly.
Unafraid to get to know people. But struggling with self-esteem.



TONI
Tomboy tendencies.
Aggressive.
Thinks everyone is out to get her! But loyal.



NORA
Intelligent.
Outsider.
Does not care.
Hiding grief for lost bond with her twin. Seems emotionless.



RACHEL
Super athletic.
Training for Olympics.
Seems strong.
Covers her self-consciousness well. Nora's twin.



DOT
Blunt.
No-nonsense.
Natural caregiver.
Knows more about responsibility than most people her age.



FATIN
Gifted musician and singer.
Projects confidence.
Not used to having to connect with other young women.

With a partner, discuss each character's traits and consider what her main challenges may be on the island. Identify the character you connect with the most and describe how your connection relates to your character's likely challenges.

I connect with _____ because _____

PART 2 What challenges could you use to create empathy for the character you are imagining and started developing in Activity 1? Work with a group of classmates to brainstorm some typical challenges that high school students face. Which ones might spark empathy for your character? On your own, use this graphic organizer to explore how your character might respond to different types of challenges. Think about which type of challenge will make readers or viewers feel connected to your character and care about the choices she/he makes.

Type of Challenge	Character's Response
1.	
2.	
3.	

Which is harder — surviving your teenage years or surviving on a deserted island?

Find out on *The Wilds*, beginning December 11 on Amazon Prime Video.

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