

VIRTUAL DATE NIGHT

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90s Sitcom Personality Quiz

Television sitcoms in the 1990s were something of a cultural phenomenon and gave us some unforgettable character archetypes. Take the quiz below to find out which type of 90s TV star you are and which artwork in our collection best suits you.

How do you respond when plans suddenly change on a work project?

- a) Use my charisma to buy extra time.
- b) Stress out and stay up late to go through the changes with a fine-toothed comb.
- c) Don't make a fuss and offer to help my colleagues.
- d) Take on the brunt of the work myself because that's the only way to get the job done right.
- e) Get bogged down in re-envisioning the project from start to finish.
- f) Keep team morale high by cracking jokes.

On a Saturday night, you can most likely find me...

- a) On the prowl for someone to share my bed with.
- b) Organizing my spice rack.
- c) Hanging on my best friend's couch.
- d) Debating someone about the validity of their argument.
- e) Drafting plans for my next big adventure—personal or professional.
- f) Keeping the party alive.

You're most flattered when you're given this compliment:

- a) "You're charming."
- b) "Nothing gets past you."
- c) "I feel comfortable being myself around you."
- d) "You are so knowledgeable!"
- e) "You see possibilities where others cannot."
- f) "You make me laugh harder than anyone else."

When you find out someone doesn't like you, you're quick to...

- a) Not really care. You can't please everyone!
- b) Find out the reasons they don't like you, deeply analyze your behavior, and try to win them over by being excessively nice.
- c) Feel bad but never bring it up.
- d) Confront the person and convince them why they're wrong about you.
- e) Process your emotions through a creative outlet.
- f) Laugh it off but be secretly hurt.

You are most happy when...

- a) You feel completely free to be yourself without judgment from others.
- b) Everything is in its proper place and things are going according to plan.
- c) You are surrounded by a small but strong network of friends.
- d) You are in a leadership role and can guide people.
- e) You can get lost in your head daydreaming about fictional scenarios turning into reality.
- f) You are in a light-hearted environment—anything or anybody too serious is unnerving.

Your favorite 90s movie is...

- a) *How to Be a Player*
- b) *As Good As It Gets*
- c) *She's All That*
- d) *Good Will Hunting*
- e) *Titanic*
- f) *Ace Ventura*

Your favorite subject in school was...

- a) Gym/ P.E.
- b) English Literature
- c) History
- d) Any subject—I always excel in any class.
- e) Film Club/Yearbook/Poetry Club
- f) Drama Club

Which 90s song best describes you?

- a) *Criminal* by Fiona Apple
- b) *I Want It That Way* by Backstreet Boys
- c) *Waterfalls* by TLC
- d) *Ironic* by Alanis Morissette
- e) *I Will Always Love You* by Whitney Houston
- f) *The Rockafeller Skank* by Fatboy Slim

Which quote sounds most like you?

- a) "Oink, oink, baby."
- b) "Now I need you to be careful and efficient. And remember: If I am harsh with you, it's only because you are doing it wrong."
- c) "To love someone when there is no chance of that love ever thriving...that's romance."
- d) "Unagi is a total state of awareness."
- e) "Edge is fleeting, heart lasts forever."
- f) "These pretzels are making me thirsty."

Which article of clothing best suits your personal style?

- a) Skinny jeans
- b) A sweater set
- c) Casual sneakers
- d) A suit
- e) An elegant sweater or dress
- f) A Hawaiian shirt

When you've finished the quiz, tally up your answers and read about your results on the following pages. Click on the image to learn more about the artworks.

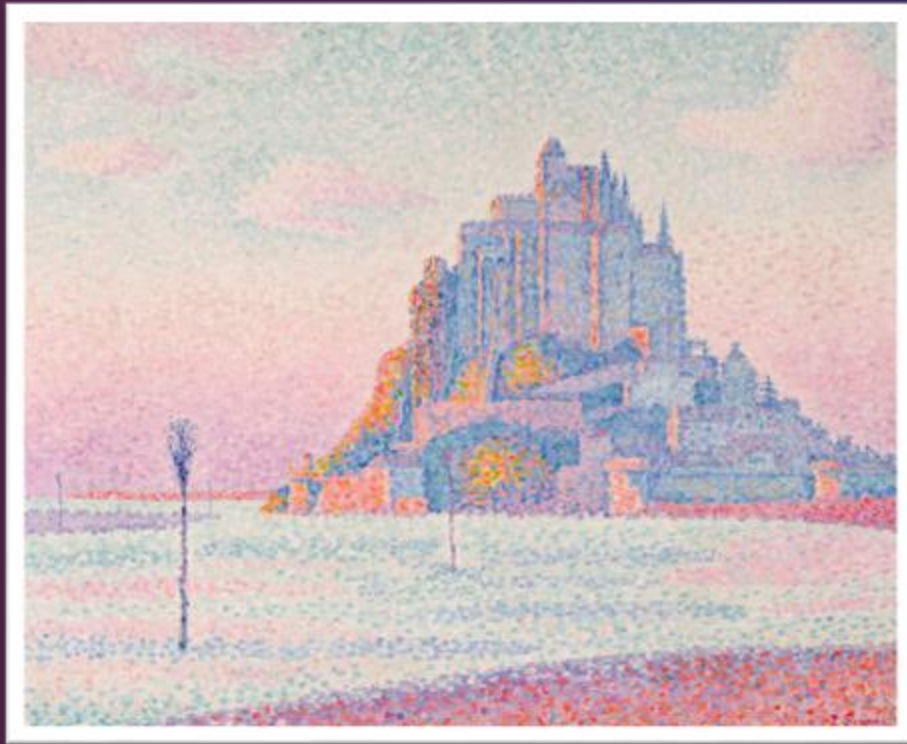
Mostly A's: The Seducer/Seductress



As the seducing type, you hardly care what others think about you and are known among your peers for your unwavering confidence. Like A. C. Slater of *Saved by the Bell* or Samantha from *Sex in the City*, you throw caution to the wind when it comes to pursuing your desires. Unfortunately, your bravado can overshadow your deeper side, leaving some to write you off as shallow.

If this sounds like you, look no further than abstract artists like Wassily Kandinsky, whose loud colors and bold forms still seduce audiences to this day. Abstract artists daringly charted new territory at the beginning of the 20th century when they rejected the widely accepted and expected representational art of the past and instead relied on formal elements to captivate the hearts and minds of viewers. While many criticize abstract art for requiring no skill, spending some quality time with it might reveal spiritual depths that can be missed at first glance.

Mostly B's: The Perfectionist



So maybe you are a little on the neurotic side, or as some like to say, reasonable. You like things to be clean and orderly and expect everyone in your life to be as kind and considerate as you are. What's wrong with that? If you can relate to one or more of these traits, you might have a little in common with Monica from *Friends* or Niles from *Frasier*.

Perfectionists might enjoy this Pointillist painting entitled Mont Saint-Michel, Setting Sun by Paul Signac. Pointillism is a painting technique in which artists apply small, distinct dots of color close together in a pattern to form a larger image viewable from a distance. When you look very closely at this painting, you see how orderly and precise the artist had to be to accomplish this style. If you haven't already, maybe you should consider picking up a paintbrush.

Mostly C's: The Girl/Guy Next Door



A mainstay of 90s entertainment, the girl/guy next door is the reliable character who charms people with their quiet innocence. You consistently show up for your friends despite any juvenile spats you've had (think Roger in *Sister, Sister*), but are often overlooked when in the presence of your flashier, sexier peers. Regardless, you've been loyal to those you love from the very beginning, and much like Joey in *Dawson's Creek*, your understated beauty is part of what makes you so enchanting.

Your personality is summed up well in this soft and dreamy Roman head of a young man. His mop of curly hair, slightly unformed features, and precisely incised eyes exude the exuberant youth that characterizes your natural disposition. Although classical sculptures such as this are often dismissed in favor of more eye-catching artworks, its simple elegance makes it, like you, a stable and timeless companion.

Mostly D's: The Smarty Pants



Every friend group has one, a know-it-all smarty pants who refuses to accept advice or information from anyone because they are convinced that they know everything. Sometimes you can't help but correct people when they are wrong—you can't let people walk around being misinformed! Whether you are book smart or simply enjoy showing off in a clever way, you might relate to *Friends*' Ross Geller or *Sister, Sister*'s Tia Landry. Underneath your geeky surface and seemingly pretentious exterior is a sweet-natured person who would do anything for your friends and loved ones. If you come off as a little intense, it's because you are as passionate about the people you love as you are about the books you study.

If you got mostly D's, then you might enjoy this color lithograph by Norman Rockwell. *Law Student* depicts a young man studying surrounded by books. As a smarty pants, you appreciate the strong, honest work ethic demonstrated by the figure in this print. How else would you learn everything about everything, right?

Mostly E's: The Dreamer



Is there anything better than falling in love or being in love? Not for the hopeless romantic. If you believe that happiness is found in a kiss or that love can conquer all, you might be a dreamer like Dawson in *Dawson's Creek* or Khadijah in *Living Single*. You are a deeply sensitive and idealistic individual with a capacity for caring deeply about the people and causes you love. No matter the obstacle, you will not let anything stand in the way of your dream job or dream person.

In this photograph from 1962 taken by Benny A. Joseph, entitled *Couple Dancing, Eldorado Ballroom, Houston*, a couple enjoys a slow dance in each other's arms. The black and white coloring and the look of peaceful contentment on the woman's face as her partner holds her close give this photograph a feeling of romantic nostalgia, a fleeting and perfect moment frozen in time.

Mostly F's: The Funny One



No friend group, or 90s sitcom for that matter, is complete without your wisecracking humor. You provide the comic relief during somber situations, partially to avoid the awkwardness of raw emotions and partially because you just can't resist a good one-liner (enter Will Smith). Authority is your enemy as you perceive it to stifle your free-wheeling, mostly harmless behavior.

For all these reasons, you'll find a kinship with husband-wife duo Claes Oldenburg and Coosje Van Bruggen, who magnify humble objects to grandiose and nonfunctional proportions in their site-specific installations. Exaggerated to the point of absurdity, their sculptures are a wry examination of everyday objects and our relationship to them. Does this combination of humor and criticality ring a bell?