

Cult Television: Seminar - MECS3004 TV Times.

1. List some of the key elements that are defined as Cult TV? To help you, you can look at the handout/Ebook: Espenson, J. (2010) Playing 'Hard to Get'. How to Write Cult TV in S. Abbott (Ed.) *The Cult TV Book*, London, I.B. Tauris (pp.45-53).

2. The list below is an amalgamation of two guides that list their top Cult Television shows. I agree with some of them but not all. Do you agree with their choice? Why/why not? You can discuss your answers with the group.

Ranker, (2018) The Best Current Cult TV Series. *Ranker*. Available at: <https://www.ranker.com/list/best-current-cult-tv-series/ranker-tv> [Date Accessed 17.01.2019]/

TV Guide News (2007) TV Guide Names the Top Cult Shows Ever. *TV Guide News*. Available at: <http://www.tvguide.com/news/top-cult-shows-40239/> [Date Accessed 25.01.2017].

Title of TV programme	Do you agree that this is cult TV Yes/NO (If not familiar with the programme you can put not known)	Give reasons
<i>Game of Thrones</i>		
<i>Orphan Black</i>		
<i>Jessica Jones</i>		
<i>Doctor Who</i>		

<i>House</i>		
<i>Black Mirror</i>		
<i>The Vampire Diaries</i>		
<i>Girls</i>		
<i>Comedy Bang Bang!</i>		
<i>Absolutely Fabulous</i>		
<i>Stargate SG-1</i>		
<i>Firefly</i>		
<i>Twin Peaks</i>		
<i>Freaks and Geeks</i>		
<i>Quantum Leap</i>		
<i>Family Guy</i>		
<i>Battlestar Galactica</i>		
<i>Twilight Zone</i>		
<i>The Simpsons</i>		
<i>The Prisoner</i>		
<i>Monty Python's Flying Circus</i>		
<i>The X Files</i>		
<i>Star Trek</i>		
<i>Stranger Things</i>		

3. Does it matter whether something is or is not cult television? Why/Why not?