

Your Netflix

Students' Top Four Shows

With thousands of programs available for streaming on Netflix in the Czech Republic, it can be difficult to know what to watch. And with so many different choices, finding the next show to binge-watch¹ can be a nightmare. We spoke with some high school students in Prague to see what their favorite shows are. Here are four of the most popular programs that teenagers can't get enough of. Which one's your favorite?

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Picks

RIVERDALE

Riverdale is an American teen drama based on the classic Archie comics from the 1940s. However, most people don't realize this because the series is very different from the comic book. The story takes place in the **fictional**² town of Riverdale. It may seem like the perfect place to live, but there is something strange behind the scenes. The first series follows the lives of high school students Archie, Betty, Jughead and Veronica as they solve the murder of their classmate Jason. Each new season contains another mystery that the friends must figure out. And the series also lets viewers see what it's like to go to American high school.

"I think this is an ideal series for my generation," says Tereza, a high school freshman*, "and for people who like mysteries." Fans of *13 Reasons Why* and *Gossip Girl* will really enjoy this program. There are four seasons available now. Season five should be **released**³ in January 2021, so now is the perfect time to watch everything before the new series starts.



You is a psychological thriller based on a novel by Caroline Kepnes. It is about Joe Goldberg, a manager of a New York City bookstore who is also a serial killer. The series focuses on Joe's **obsession**⁴ with one of his customers, Guinevere. Using social media and modern technology, Joe begins to **stalk**⁵ her. His obsession won't let anything, or anyone, come between him and Guinevere. *Dexter* and *Breaking Bad* fans are sure to enjoy this **gripping**⁶ series. Adam, a high school junior* recommends the show: "Those of you who like mystery and stories with **twists**⁷, this TV show is for you. It can be brutal at times, but you will laugh too. It also has a lot of characters you will love. I give You five stars. When you have time, try it. **It's worth it**⁸." The first two series are available now, with a third being released later next year.

YOU

Task

Write down your top four TV shows, their genre (e.g. comedy, sci-fi) and why you like them. Compare your answers with your class. Can you agree on the best TV shows?

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Culture Point

In the US, a student in their first year at high school or university is known as a freshman. Second-year students are sophomores, third-year students are juniors, and students in their fourth year are called seniors.

Vocabulary

- ¹ to binge-watch ['bɪndʒ wɒtʃ] – sledovat všechny díly naráz
- ² fictional ['fɪkʃənl] – vymyšlený, fiktivní
- ³ to release [rɪ'li:s] – uvést
- ⁴ obsession [əb'seʃn] – posedlost
- ⁵ to stalk [stɔ:k] – sledovat
- ⁶ gripping ['grɪpɪŋ] – napínavý
- ⁷ twist [twɪst] – zvrát
- ⁸ it's worth it [wɜ:θ] – stojí to za to
- ⁹ beast [bi:st] – zvíře
- ¹⁰ destiny ['destəni] – osud
- ¹¹ to cure one's blues [kjʊə(r) blu:z] – vyléčit něčí smutek
- ¹² to be hooked [hʊkt] – být závislý
- ¹³ fashion industry ['fæʃn 'ɪndəstri] – módní průmysl
- ¹⁴ entire [ɪn'taɪə(r)] – celý

THE WITCHER

Winter has come and gone. At least, that is what *Game of Thrones* fans are saying now that the series is complete. So what's next for fans of fantasy serials? The answer is *The Witcher*.

Set in a fantasy world known as The Continent, *The Witcher* tells the story of Geralt of Rivia and Princess Ciri. Geralt is a monster hunter who fights wild **beasts**⁹. Ciri, a princess with magical powers, is connected by **destiny**¹⁰ to Geralt. Based on the popular novels and video game series, *The Witcher* is sure to **cure your *Game of Thrones* blues**¹¹. The first series had over 76 million viewers and a second series is expected later this year.

"I was disappointed when *Game of Thrones* ended," explains Věřča, a sophomore* in high school, "But when I discovered *The Witcher* I **was hooked**¹². I have already finished the first series and now I am reading the books. If you are like me and love fantasy, this is the programme for you."



Even though there hasn't been a new episode in over 16 years, *Friends* is still one of the most watched Netflix serials. Netflix paid almost \$100 million to keep *Friends* on their service in 2019. This classic comedy follows six friends living in New York City and their crazy adventures: Monica, a chef, her brother Ross, a paleontologist, Joey, an actor, Chandler, an analyst, Phoebe, a musician, and Rachel, who works in the **fashion industry**¹³.

FRIENDS

"Everyone can see themselves in one of the characters," says Tomáš, a senior* in high school. "I am definitely a 'Joey' because we are both very silly." The **entire**¹⁴ series is available now on Netflix. This is fantastic for teenagers who were not even born when the series was originally on TV. If you enjoy programs like *The Big Bang Theory* and *How I Met Your Mother*, you will love *Friends*. In fact, most of your parents were teenagers when this series was first popular. Perhaps you'll finally have something to talk about.