

MORE THAN JUST A GAME



Sport and Sexuality

Exercises

1. Explain what Harvey Milk meant by saying “Hope will never be silent.”
2. Explain how views on same-sex relationships and transgender identities have changed through time. What role has Christianity played in the downgrade of same-sex relations and transgender identities?
3. How was homosexuality categorized during most of the 20th century?
4. Make a timeline in which you mark the different governmental laws in the US and UK concerning the LGBTQIA+ community. Include a short explanation.
5. Explain how these laws influenced the general treatment of LGBTQIA+ individuals. Give examples from the text.
6. Explain what paved the way for the Stonewall Riots in 1969 and what happened. Give examples from the text.
7. What changes concerning the LGBTQIA+ community were made after that?
8. Describe Harvey Milk’s story and comment on why he is a significant character in the history of LGBTQIA+.
9. What impact did the AIDS crisis have on the LGBTQIA+ community?
10. Go to page 110 and read about “intersectionality”. Explain how this may affect some individuals in the LGBTQIA+ community.
11. Individually, write down two things you knew before reading about LGBTQIA+ history, two things you did not know, and two things you are not sure you understand. Share your notes with a partner from your class and help each other clear up what you do not understand.
12. In pairs, discuss whether you can think of any other societal issues that relate to or are reflected in Milk’s quote, “Hope will never be silent.” Be prepared to share your ideas with the class.

Stretching

Divide the class into 5 groups and assign each group with one of the following topics:

- a. Pride
- b. Gay Games
- c. National Coming Out Day
- d. International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia
- e. Transgender Awareness Week

Each group must create a presentation of their assigned topic where they research the 5 wh’s: *who, what, where, when* and *why*. The presentation must also contain visual effects. Finish by presenting in matrix groups.