WHAT YA NOVEL SHOULD YOU READ NEXT?

You love to read, and you're always looking for the next great Young Adult novel. Take this short quiz to find out what genre of YA literature best suits your personality, and get 4 great suggestions for what to read next! Includes recommendations for graphic novels and books for older teens.

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Keep track of your responses

1. What qualities do you look for in a friend?
   a) A fun-loving dreamer
   b) Smart and chatty
   c) Loyal and courageous
   d) Adventurous and imaginative
   e) Funny and laidback

2. What was your favourite thing about The Hunger Games?
   a) The kiss
   b) The political commentary
   c) Everything!
   d) The action and adventure
   e) Jennifer Lawrence...

3. What is your dream job?
   a) Advice Columnist
   b) Anything that involves travel
   c) News Anchor
   d) Novelist
   e) Actor

4. If you could have any super power, what would it be?
   a) Mind reading - so I could know everyone's secrets
   b) Teleportation - so I could see the world!
   c) Psychic abilities - so I could see into the future
   d) Talking to animals - for obvious reasons
   e) Shape shifting - think of all the pranks I could pull...

5. What does your average Saturday afternoon look like?
   a) Shopping with my friends
   b) Checking out a cool festival downtown
   c) Video games
   d) Working on my stories
   e) Catching up on my sitcoms
6. What are you looking for in the next book you read?
   a) I want it to give me butterflies
   b) I want to learn something about the world
   c) I want it to make me think
   d) I want to explore new worlds
   e) I want it to make me laugh

7. Which Harry Potter character are you most similar to?
   a) Lavender Brown - You wouldn't be opposed to using a love potion if needed
   b) Dumbledore - Wise and knowledgeable
   c) Professor Sybil Trelawney - Always thinking about the future
   d) Luna Lovegood - Imaginative and unique
   e) Fred Weasley - You can make anything fun

8. Which movie would you rather watch?
   a) Mean Girls
   b) The Kite Runner
   c) Hunger Games
   d) Harry Potter
   e) 21 Jump Street
Mostly As: Romance

You love love. It's as simple as that. You are the go-to friend when it comes to love advice, and your sensitivity draws people to you. Whether it's listening to your friends gush about their crush, or watching romantic comedies, you get excited by other people's love and the thrill of the chase. These romantic YA novels will charm you with their quirky characters and their truly lovely love.

The Obvious Choice: Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell
Eleanor is the new girl: a bold red-haired outcast who would rather read her book than go to gym class. Park has lived in the same place his whole life: a quiet smart kid who loves Watchmen and Joy Division. After weeks of sitting next to each other on the bus, shyly noticing each other and sharing comics, Eleanor and Park begin to open up to each other, and begin a quirky life-changing love story - it will make you laugh, it will make you think, it will warm your heart.

The Hidden Gem: Two Boys Kissing by David Levithan
Craig and Harry, two teenage boys with a dream, are trying to beat the Guinness World Record for longest kiss. Meanwhile, Ryan and Avery share secrets, Cooper seeks companionship, and Neil finally comes out to his parents. Two Boys Kissing is a beautifully written novel about the magic of opening yourself to love and the dangers of a close-minded society.

The Graphic Novel: Why We Broke Up by Daniel Handler
The good-looking senior basketball captain Ed Slaterton, and the junior movie-lover Min Green have fallen in and out of love with each other. Min drops a box of Ed's things at his house with a long letter, explaining why their love story was doomed from the start. It might not be the most revolutionary plot line, but it's the heartfelt, darkly humorous tone of this illustrated novel that sets it apart from the rest. Written by the always sarcastic and enlightening Daniel Handler (who is better known as Lemony Snicket), this book will resonate with anyone who's ever had to throw out an ex-boyfriend's mix tape.

From the Adult Section: Norwegian Wood by Haruki Murakami
Toru Watanabe is a quiet and wise college student living in Tokyo, who has given his heart to a beautifully complex young woman named Naoko. The tragic death of their life-long mutual best friend increases the depth of emotion they feel for each other, while also driving a wedge between them. The two try to keep their love strong while Naoko becomes more and more introspective and sad, and Toru makes new female friends at school. Written in Haruki Murakami's expert prose, this is a stunningly emotional love story, full of unique characters and enchanting moments.

For more great Romance recommendations, check out winners of Michael L. Printz Award, NoveList, WhatShouldIReadNext.com, download the "YALSA Teen Book Finder" app, or ask your local public librarian for more reading suggestions.
Mostly Bs:

**Multicultural Fiction**

You are full of wonder, and you love discovering the world around you. When your friends have questions about world history homework, or what's going on in the news, they come to you because they know you're always informed. You will love multicultural literature because it gives you a chance to "travel" to places you've never been, and discover new perspectives that you otherwise would never get to experience.

**The Obvious Choice:** *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Fifteen-year-old Kambili and her brother return home to a small town in Nigeria to stay with their rich religious father in a marble palace - but their life is not as glamorous as it seems. This intricate story, rich with depictions of the Nigerian culture and landscape, deals with themes of government control, relationship control, free speech, equality, freedom, and exploration. Readers will learn about the Nigerian culture, and been drawn in by the deep emotions of the characters.

**The Hidden Gem:** *A Girl Named Disaster* by Nancy Farmer

Young Nhamo is on a journey from Mozambique to Zimbabwe in order to escape an arranged marriage to a cruel older man. Nhamo must adventure through a diverse landscape, overcome starvation, and delve into the elaborate world of African spirits. This is a fascinating story of survival, spirituality, and cultural diversity that readers with curious minds will truly enjoy.

**The Graphic Novel:** *The Color of Earth* by Kim Tong-hwa

Ehwa grows up helping her widowed mother at a small tavern in rural Korea, were single mothers are judged and pitied. She becomes increasingly beautiful herself, and begins attracting the attention of many of the boys from the village. In this beautifully presented coming-of-age story, Ehwa must wrap her mind around historical context, the intricate culture she is a part of, and her own developing personality in order to find love for herself and her mother.

**From the Adult Section:** *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

Set during the Islamic revolution of 1979, when religious rules dictated the actions of a country, Persepolis is the story of young teenage Marji's escape from war and totalitarianism. This is a powerful graphic novel featuring strong woman characters, important historical and cultural information, and a fascinating exploration of freedom and equality.

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Mostly Cs:

Dystopia

You read the Hunger Games and Divergent way before everyone else, and you're always on the lookout for more fast-paced adventure novels set in the not-too-distant-future. You love excitement and danger in your stories, and the chilling realization that dystopian stories aren't always that different than reality. You will love these dystopian novels because of their brave characters and the exciting, futuristic challenges they must face.

The Obvious Choice: Variant by Robison Wells
When he gets accepted to the prestigious Maxfield Academy, Benson Fisher thinks he's found the opportunity of a lifetime. However, once he arrives Benson realizes that Maxfield Academy is less of a school and more of a giant social experiment. Benson must decide who to trust and who to fear while trying to escape from androids, constant surveillance, and the mysterious supervisors of Maxfield Academy.

The Hidden Gem: The Loners by Lex Thomas
McKinley High was a normal high school, much like your own, until a toxic explosion infected all the students with a virus making them deadly to adults. Now the teenagers have been quarantined within the walls of their high school, where cliques aren't just about social structure anymore - they're about life and death. The Loners follows the suspenseful story of David and Will - the students trying to survive without the protection of any gang.

The Graphic Novel: Black Hole by Charles Burns
Welcome to suburban Seattle in the 70s, where a mutation based sexually transmitted disease is transforming teenagers into monsters: one grows a tail, one grows a second mouth on his neck, and one must shed her skin regularly. Dozens of infected teens must chose whether to continue their lives in shame, or to join the growing colony of monstrous teens in the forest. This fast-paced sci-fi horror hybrid presents a shocking disease and complex characters that will test the limits of your imagination.

From the Adult Section: The Circle by Dave Eggers
Mae has been hired to work for the top social networking company in the world - The Circle. She becomes increasingly involved with their many plans, including inserting microchips into children, and providing universal surveillance. Mae starts to wonder whether The Circle has an ulterior motive for their intricate plans when she realizes that it's become impossible to live "off the grid." This entertaining and frighteningly plausible story might make you think twice about how you use social media.

For more great Dystopia recommendations, check out winners of the Aurealis Award for Speculative Fiction, NoveList, WhatShouldIReadNext.com, download the "YALSA Teen Book Finder" app, or ask your local public librarian for more reading suggestions.
Mostly Ds:

**Fantasy**

You're a dreamer with a wild imagination and a sharp mind. Your friends admire your creativity and your ability to come up with a dozen new ideas at the drop of a hat. You love fantasy stories because they encourage your imagination; visualizing complicated new worlds and creatures is exactly the kind of challenge you need. You will love these fantasy novels because of their intricate new worlds, the magical adventures, and (of course) the dragons.

**The Obvious Choice:** *Seraphina* by Rachel Hartman

In a world where dragons can take human form but can't wrap their minds around emotion, a 40 year long peace treaty between the dragons and the humans is wearing thin. One extraordinary teenager, Seraphina, must navigate political tension and murder scandals while grappling with her own identity and developing her supernatural gift for music. This complex new fantasy world is filled with the intrigue of a mystery, imaginative magical abilities, and sassy characters that will keep you wanting more.

**The Hidden Gem:** *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones

Young Sophie doesn't think her life as a hat maker will ever be worth much. Little does she know that she has the power to bring inanimate objects to life, and that she is about to play an important role in an upcoming war of magic. Sophie must break a witch's spell, tame the notoriously selfish wizard Howl, and learn how to use her powers to save her friends.

**The Graphic Novel:** *Out From Boneville* by Jeff Smith

Out From Boneville begins with three desert wanderers, Fone Bone, Smiley Bone, and Phoney Bone, who have just been chased out of the only home they've ever known: Boneville. After a sudden swarm of locusts separates the three cousins, Fone Bone must navigate his own way through a strange new world filled with talking bugs, cynical dragons, dangerous rat creatures, and one exceptional teenager named Thorn. If you're looking for a fast-paced humorous fantasy story, Jeff Smith's Bone is the series for you.

**From the Adult Section:** *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

Two young magicians have been training their whole life to compete in "the game," where they must use trickery and illusion to outperform each other. However, when the Night Circus turns out to be more than a simple performance act, Celia and Marco become caught up in a dark adventure complete with danger, reckless love, and psychokinetic powers.

For more great Fantasy recommendations, check out winners of the *The Locus Young Adult Award for Fantasy*, *NoveList*, *WhatShouldIReadNext.com*, download the "YALSA Teen Book Finder" app, or ask your local public librarian for more reading suggestions.
Mostly Es:

Comedy

You are drawn towards funny people, and funny people are drawn towards you! When your friends discover a hilarious YouTube video, you're the first person they send it to, and you're their go-to person for a fun time. You like a fast-paced, clever story filled with ridiculous situations and hilarious characters. You'll love these comedic stories because of their witty tone and their amusing characters.

The Obvious Choice: Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen
Told from the perspective of two teens, Bryce and Juli reflect on the turbulent process of falling for each other at the wrong times. Filled with funny dialog and clever observations, anyone who has ever been part of a love-hate relationship will love-love Flipped.

The Hidden Gem: Sparks the epic, completely true blue, (almost) holy quest of Debbie by J.S. Adams
A sixteen-year-old lesbian named Debbie embarks on a quest to get over a crush on her best friend by creating her own religion called the Church of Blue. This hilarious main character and outrageous storyline will indulge anyone with a lively sense of humor.

The Graphic Novel: Scott Pilgrim by Bryan Lee O'Malley
Scott Pilgrim is living the perfect young adult life - unemployed, in a band, dating a cute girl - until Ramona Flowers comes along and throws everything off by stealing his heart. In this rock and roll, video-game-esque graphic novel series, Scott must battle Ramona's seven evil ex-boyfriends in order to win her heart.

From the Adult Section: Where’d You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple
Bee's mother is complicated: wildly talented, outrageously witty, and intensely afraid of crowds. She's also missing in action. Teenage Bee and her quirky genius father must overcome ridiculous circumstances to hunt down eccentric Bernadette. Created by a writer of the hit comedy show Arrested Development, this book will keep readers intrigued and laughing the whole way through.

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