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Girl Meets World: Girl Meets Boy

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TV Show Review

Title: Girl Meets World: Girl Meets Boy

Main Performers: Rowan Blanchard, Ben Savage, Sabrina Carpenter

Studio/Network: Disney Channel

Reviewer: Whitney Troxel

Season/Episodes: Season 1, Episode 2

Air Date: July 11, 2014

TV Rating: TV-G

Interest Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Dependable



Review

Afraid she'll embarrass herself, Riley refuses to talk to her new friend, Lucas. Instead she sends him text messages from across the hall. Meanwhile, Cory is fed up with his students' lack of emotion and inability to communicate without technology. He collects their phones assigns the class to split up in teams and figure out if new technology has made people better. Riley teams up with Lucas, much to Cory's dismay. They meet up with Maya and Farkle and go to the New York Public Library. Riley has a difficult time talking to Lucas without her phone until she gets some advice from the librarian. While Riley and Lucas talk about his life in Texas before moving to New York, Farkle discovers Maya is a talented artist. The four friends learn technology is useful, but it's not how you truly connect with others.

One of Girl Meets World's strengths is its ability to bring up important conversation topics in entertaining ways. It allows parents to use the show as a tool to start discussions or just enjoy watching it with their kids. This episode focuses on communicating without using cell phones. One of the many things Riley learns while talking to Lucas is that there are things that are too important to text. This is an important lesson for kids to learn, and for adults to remember. The characters remain over-the-top, but this episode is charming and has a great message. It is something the entire family can watch together.