About Who

Doctor Who, a British television show that started in 1963, is an amalgamation of various genres including science fiction, fantasy, horror, and, sometimes, married with a healthy dose of fairy tale. The main character is The Doctor, an alien: a Time Lord from the Planet Gallifrey. The Doctor travels through time and space in his TARDIS, a type of space ship that is sentient and has chameleon powers (although currently stuck as an old school police call box). TARDIS stands for Time and Relative Dimensions in Space and is famous for being “bigger on the inside.”

The Doctor travels with companions, usually a female companion, and embarks on grand adventures often saving people and planets from imminent doom. A key element of Doctor Who is that The Doctor does not believe in violence. He does not carry a gun. Instead, he has a sonic screwdriver, a scientific instrument with countless capabilities.

The Doctor is clever, mad, and passionate about humans. A major plot device in Doctor Who is the regeneration capabilities of Time Lords. Meaning, when the Time Lord dies, he regenerates into an entirely new version of himself (i.e., a new actor). The regeneration process has allowed the show to continue to reinvent itself over decades with a total of 13 incarnations of The Doctor thus far (14 if you count both the War Doctor and the new Doctor: Jodie Whittaker, the first female Doctor).