Directions: Read the section titled “Representing LGBT Communities” (pages 9-10) and answer the questions below using complete sentences.

1. What specific event influenced George Takei to publicly announce his sexual orientation?

2. When did the Supreme Court rule in favor of same-sex marriage across the country?

3. What would have been the effect of the “Don’t Say Gay” bill? What are some long-term effects that might have resulted from the bill being passed?

4. George Takei suggests that the internet and social media make coming out easier than it was in the past. To what extent do you think this is true? Acknowledge at least one counter-argument in your explanation.

5. What image does George Takei use to describe his experience of coming out? How is this description helpful in understanding his experience, and how does it differ from the traditional description of “coming out”? Explain.