Forum: Marvel Summit

**Topic:** Discussing the power of superhuman individuals to determine the fate of

Modern Society

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**Position:** Deputy President

PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

Dear Delegates,

My name is Arian Mitsou, and I am a Year 12 student at St Catherine's British School. I

am honoured to be serving as your deputy president in the Marvel Summit at the 4th

SCMUN Model United Nations conference

Over the past two years, I have had the opportunity to participate in various

conferences that have helped me further improve my knowledge as well as interest and

passion in MUN. These past two years as either judge or delegate have helped me form

many friendships, improve my confidence and public speaking and overall have given

me many memorable experiences. When I first started MUN I did not have the

confidence to fully express myself and enjoy all the debates of MUN, which is why I am

so thankful for my first chairs who helped me discover how much more MUN can be

and in sight encouraged me to be the best version of myself.

As delegates of the Marvel Summit, you will be asked to explore the complexities of this

year's topics, "Addressing the issue of climate refugees" and "Responding to Thanos's

upcoming Massacre". In preparation for these topics, we have worked diligently to

ensure that you have an engaging and well-researched study guide to help you through

understanding these interesting topics. However, I encourage you to go beyond the

study guide and further research these topics as the study guides are only an

introduction.



As this will be my first time serving as a student officer, I want to support new delegates by helping or guiding them through any unfamiliar or confusing procedures to help create a welcoming environment for fruitful debates. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:arianmit@yahoo.com">arianmit@yahoo.com</a>. I am excited to meet you all in the upcoming St. Catherines MUN conference!

Kindest Regards,

Arian Mitsou.

#### **COMMITTEE OVERVIEW**

The Marvel Committee is different to the rest of the committees that you may have attended previously as the Marvel Summit uses fictional characters' perspectives to debate and explore real-world issues. Instead of representing a country, delegates will be assigned either a character from the Marvel universe or a civilian. As a Marvel character you will be expected to follow their personality and perspective on the topics, while if you are a civilian you will be able to debate on the topic based on what you believe in as an individual. As with the rest of the committees delegates will be expected to stay in their given character during the debate. They should use their character's beliefs, personalities, and viewpoints throughout the debate.

Thanos finds and ultimately gets the infinity gauntlet<sup>1</sup> that allows him to have the ultimate power; the ability to see other timelines and versions of himself. In these countless other realities he gets a glimpse of his other versions trying to combine all multiverses and establish imperial rule over them. Some of the alternate Thanos's use this power but never accomplish their goals and are always stuck between the confines of their own universes - never able to have a universal influence. Once Thanos realises

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Trask, Matthew. "MCU's Infinity Stones Explained- What They Are and What Each One Does." *Radio Times*, 20 June 2019,

www.radiotimes.com/tv/sci-fi/avengers-endgame-thanos-infinity-stones-powers-explained/.



this he begins to mastermind his own plan of merging the universes together to create a single reality in which he is the ruler. Fueled by his ideas, Thanos starts his quest and researches a gem which is rumoured to allow unrestricted access to the multiverse. Meaning that he can travel through dimensions with no barriers. With this new found knowledge he begins collapsing universes and merging them<sup>2</sup>. As his influence spreads everyone grows afraid of "Imperial Thanos". In consequence, heroes from countless realities joined forces and formed alliances to stop him from destroying everything. But unfortunately due to Thanos employing every Thanos from every other universe their plans begin to fail. However, Doctor Strange<sup>3</sup> becomes aware of Thanos' intentions and senses the collapse of multiversal boundaries. So he warns Thanos but faces resistance. He begins summoning allies from alternate dimensions to join and help him. His first step was to inform and warn Thanos about the cosmic imbalance that this creates but Thanos ignores him. After his first attempt he moves onto more drastic measures. Loki attempts to sow chaos within Thanos with a scepter, Captain Carter comes in to help with her shield and army of enchanced soliders, and even the spider-men try to work as a team with their agility to disrupt Thanos' plans. Additionally, Strange conjures portals to divide Thanos' forces so that the other superheroes can split up and attack them easier. However, it fails as Thanos has the combined power of the infinity stones granting him the ultimate power with multiple versions of himself. Strange tries one last spell to try and bind Thanos outside the flow of time but due to his extreme powers Thanos is able to stop it. Before he leaves Strange gives one last warning to Thanos about how no amount of power can control anyone and with that he leaves. Finally, Thanos is able to make a new reality with all the multiverses merged into one.

### **CLASSES OF SUPERHEROES**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Marvelous Wave. "FULL ORIGINS of MCU Thanos - the Mad Titan Explained." *YouTube*, 17 Apr. 2021, <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZNBh52iwHU">www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZNBh52iwHU</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Stolworthy, Jacob. "Marvel Theory Suggests Doctor Strange Told a Dangerous Lie in Avengers: Infinity War." *The Independent*, 14 Mar. 2023, <a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/news/doctor-strange-avengers-marvel-b2300943.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/news/doctor-strange-avengers-marvel-b2300943.html</a>.



## **X-MEN/MUTANTS**

They are enhanced beings who have evolved from homo sapiens (humans) and have genetic mutations which allow them to have superhuman abilities. These genetic mutations could have been caused by things such as evolution. There are different types of x-men/mutants like Magneto or Cyclops.

### **TITANS**

They are cosmic beings who get their powers typically through inheritance and genetics rather than development. They have immense strength and abilities, which are often tied to divine forces or from extraterrestrial origins. Some examples of such beings include the Eternals and the Celestials.

#### **ENHANCED HUMANS**

Individuals who have gained superhuman abilities through various ways such as through science, technology, or other extraordinary circumstances. Each transformation produces a different type of enhanced humans. There are super-soldiers like Captain America or Bucky Barnes, tech-enhanced heroes like Iron Mans, and genetic modifications like Hawkeye or Black Widow.

#### **COSMIC**

Enhanced humans of the cosmic class possess godly powers and abilities that are beyond mortal limits. An example of this is Thor.

#### **MAGIC**

Magic-wielders are people who have gained magical abilities from artifacts, genetic inheritance or through study/learned powers. Scarlet Witch has inherent chaos magic, Doctor Strange has expanded his power through training and artifcats and Agatha Harkness who has ancient magic.

#### **MAJOR EVENTS**

**REFUGEE CRISIS** 



Refugees are people who have been forced to leave their country because the situation is deemed unsafe to live in. Millions are displaced every year due to war, environment disasters such as climate change and politics<sup>4</sup>. They face many difficulties such as housing shortages, psychological trauma, accessing basic needs such as health care or education and in general getting used to their new community<sup>5</sup>. Avengers and X-Men are able to help aid these vulnerable populations due to their powers.

Evacuation is a dangerous process for refugees as the journey that they have to take is unsafe due to the routes and evacuation zones. Whether it is an armed/military zone or a crossing through dangerous water there is a risk. Additionally, many times the way that the refugees leave is not always supported by the government or is not aided by the law, causing them to be unprotected physically as well as unrecognised by the law. Thankfully, there are heroes which can help aid in the process.

Doctor Strange is able to make portals for quick evacuations for refugees that need to get out immediately. For example, asylum seekers which are usually individuals who need instant help due to being trapped in war zones or disaster areas like hurricanes or earthquakes. Additionally, he can also prevent deaths made through the transition/migration to different countries that many times refugees are forced to take<sup>6</sup>. Moreover, Black Panther can collaborate to create designated evacuation zones which are protected by Wakandan technology to make sure that families are able to have a "smoother" transition without any external sources like looters or attackers that can threaten their safety.

www.nctsn.org/what-is-child-trauma/trauma-types/refugee-trauma/about-refugees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> UNHCR. "Refugees." *UNHCR*, <u>www.unhcr.org/about-unhcr/who-we-protect/refugees</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Griffin, DeAnna. "About Refugees." *The National Child Traumatic Stress Network*, The National Child Traumatic Stress Network, 4 Sept. 2018,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Amnesty International. "Refugees, Asylum-Seekers and Migrants." *Amnesty International*, 2024,

www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/refugees-asylum-seekers-and-migrants/.



However, there may be some conflict about this strategy as characters like Loki may have different views about what to do. Loki believes that these interventions are against natural order and that humans need these hardships to strengthen them. So Loki sabotages portals and makes his own way to keep the refugees on their original paths. He believes this due to his upbringing with the Asgardian ideals which emphasise honour and responsibility<sup>7</sup>

Another way that the heroes can help is through psychological support. Travelling along with the pain of leaving a home behind can take a toll on a person's mental health. Refugee's leave family, friends, and homes behind so they need the necessary support when reaching a new place to make sure that they acclimatise properly into their surroundings and integrate within their new society. Professor X can provide mental health support to refugees that have dealt with the trauma of displacement more specifically the violence that they may have witnessed and/or the separation from loved one. With his telepathic abilities he may be able to create a network of counsellors and psychologists in the refugee camps, so refugees can have access to them quickly and whenever they need with no judgement. The telepathic connection will let him sense the emotional stress of those around him and help guide the professionals to those who need their assistance the most.

Unfortunately, Mystique is opposed to Professor X's effort to help humans and in general non-mutants due to her distrust towards humanity as a whole rooted in her belief that they will turn against the mutants. These opposing ideas may create tension between the x-men almost forcing them to pick sides and maybe making some of them question if they should be helping humans over their own kind. This may divide public opinion, as they will distrust mutants and their intentions.

<sup>7</sup> Colrain, Lara. "Loki in Norse Mythology vs. Marvel: Why Does Everyone Love Loki?" *TheCollector*, TheCollector, 16 July 2023,

www.thecollector.com/loki-norse-mythology-marvel/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Murray, Kate E., et al. "Review of Refugee Mental Health Interventions Following Resettlement: Best Practices and Recommendations." *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, vol. 80, no. 4, 2010, pp. 576–585, https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1939-0025.2010.01062.x.







Lastly, heroes can help with resettlement programs, focusing on infrastructure and housing. In many cases refugees have a hard time finding housing in such a short notice and in general due to the world's population there is a housing shortage<sup>9</sup> regardless of if you are a refugee or not. Additionally, there is a lot of paperwork and legal requirements before a refugee is legally considered a citizen of the respective country. This causes there to be many slum settlements where people make makeshift homes based on whatever is accessible to them for free, making their living conditions severely unstable.

Magneto can use his control over metals to create shelters and infrastructure specifically for the refugee communities so they do not need to have the extra stress of finding somewhere safe to live, on top of all their other worries when migrating. He is able to assemble durable housing, school and in general community places. To provide security for those who do not have anything at that given moment. Another benefit with his quick building skills is that it can reduce the financial strain on the government and can use these funds towards other projects such as healthcare. Lastly, Magneto can also make this infrastructure specific to certain communities to make it more inclusive and so that the people can feel like they belong.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Climate change is one of the biggest challenges of our time, it is the long-term shifts in weather. 

It has many impacts on the environment such as rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and resource depletion. As natural disasters become more frequent and severe, the need for innovative solutions and collaborative efforts to combat climate change becomes increasingly urgent. This influences refugees as they

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Habitat for Humanity. "What Is a Slum? Definition of a Global Housing Crisis." *Habitat for Humanity GB*, 2017,

www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk/what-we-do/slum-rehabilitation/what-is-a-slum/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> United Nations. "What Is Climate Change?" *United Nations*, United Nations, www.un.org/en/climatechange/what-is-climate-change.



become climate refugees<sup>11</sup> which is when they are forced to leave their homes due to extreme weather events like hurricanes and floods. However, this influences all of society regardless of refugees or not, as it influences the planet; droughts causing famine or extreme weather events.

Tony Stark would be in charge of developing advanced technology aimed at mitigating the effects of climate change. His genius-level intellect allows him to research things such as renewable energies and find ways to make more reliable and sustainable energy that can actually supply a population. Renewable energy is a source of energy that has infinite resources and is better for the environment<sup>12</sup>. In the recent years there have been progress towards more renewable energies but they have not been enough for supply and demand of a population. For example 5.5% of the world's energy is used from solar power<sup>13</sup>. However, the largest source of renewable energy is from hydropower which is responsible for around 16% of global energy<sup>14</sup>. Additionally Stark Industries is able to invest in research projects focused on carbon capture technologies, exploring ways to remove CO2 from the atmosphere and convert it into useful products as they have the economic capabilities.<sup>15</sup>

However, Doctor Doom may see Iron Man's strategies and innovation as a threat to him and his ambition which is to establish himself as a ruler and in general to be a leader. Hence he will attempt to sabotage any plans he has as Doom believes that power comes from individual domination rather than collaboration and work.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> UNHCR. "Climate Change and Displacement." *UNHCR*, 2024, www.unhcr.org/what-we-do/build-better-futures/climate-change-and-displacement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> ---. "What Is Renewable Energy?" *United Nations*, United Nations, 2024, www.un.org/en/climatechange/what-is-renewable-energy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> "Global Solar Energy Share in Electricity Mix 2022." *Statista*, www.statista.com/statistics/1302055/global-solar-energy-share-electricity-mix/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Alley, Richard. "Global Use of Hydroelectricity | EARTH 104: Earth and the Environment." *Psu.edu*, 2011, <u>www.e-education.psu.edu/earth104/node/1060</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> National Grid. "What Is Carbon Capture and Storage?" *National Grid*, 28 Feb. 2023, www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energy-explained/what-is-ccs-how-does-it-work.



Another issue of climate change is the lack of awareness and overall education. Even with scientific proof there are still many people that do not believe in climate change and do not know how to help. There needs to be a recognition that as individuals we can do our part by even doing simple things such as switching off the water when brushing our teeth or turning off the light when leaving a room. For example, keeping the water while brushing can waste up to 12 liters while turning it off can reduce it to only 2 liters<sup>16</sup>. Doing these small things can help minimise the effect of climate change. Additionally, with awareness everyone can become educated on this topic and we can start having real conversations.

A hero who can help with this is Shuri as she can use her technology knowledge and her royal status to advocate for climate change education and sustainable practices, such as the use of renewable energy which can be collaborated with Iron Man on this once he has designed more sustainable energy. Additionally, she is a strong advocate for environmental justice in general. Using Wakandan technology she can use educational tools to create climate education more available for everyone of all ages. She can even partern up with schools and communities in general to help work with the new generation about sustainability.

Red Skull has extremist views and believes that humanity does not deserve to be on the planet and will work directly against whatever Shuri does. He will purpsolve spread fake propaganda saying fake news about climate change which will cause the public to be in distrust. Shuri will then have to deal with misinformation along with everything else

Lastly, Ant-Man can use his knowledge of biochemistry and quantum physics to research ecological restoration. As he is able to view things at a microscopic level due to his ability to shrink to subatomic sizes using Pym Particles. He is able to see things that normal humans can't and potentially see things that we do not know about the effects

www.cladcodecking.co.uk/blog/post/uk-household-water-usage.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> "Household Water Usage Statistics UK - 142L per Person per Day!" Www.cladcodecking.co.uk,





of climate change. He can get specimens of pollutants and toxins to be studied along with other people as well.

#### **CYBERSECURITY**

The more artificial intelligence rises the more digital threats and cyber crime are becoming an issue. Cybersecurity is the protection of networks and makes protections against unauthorised access and data breaches<sup>17</sup>. This could be harmful on a local and personal level such as getting your data stolen or your phone getting hacked which can then lead to identity theft or financial loss. However, it can also be at international level such as data breaches from companies which can be harmful to everyone.

Vision and iron man can be helpful in developing new artificial intelligence systems that can either detect cyber threats before they cause any actual damage (either financially or politically) or can find ways to be able to deal with them immediately after they happen. Vision can use his computational intelligence to build algorithms which again can detect threats either before they happen or a program that can help to deal with the aftermath. Additionally, Iron man can help both politically and financially. Politically by using his connections to spread his a.i systems and protection to the general public. Financially, he can help fund research projects based on the advancements of a.i and with his engineering skills he can help build systems.

Iron Man and Shuri can help prevent rogue AI from destabilising digital spaces. They are aware of the dangers of unchecked AI and Iron Man can help to create protocols to detect harmful AI. Especially since AI is new with many areas that have not been explored or developed so ordinary humans might not know the full extent of what is going on, Iron Man's intellect can help further research AI and more specifically rogue AI. Due to Shuri's point of view on ethics, she would contribute to making ethical AI in general and would possibly even help to limit their capacity and what they can do.

<sup>17</sup> cisco. "What Is Cybersecurity?" *Cisco*, 2024, www.cisco.com/site/us/en/learn/topics/security/what-is-cybersecurity.html.





Overall, both of these heroes would try to combat rogue AI and find a way to make them useful for humanity without violating any ethics.

Nonetheless, Magneto would not agree with this perspective as he has the inherent belief that the mutant community should not intervene with humanity as a whole but especially with their dependence on technology. They should face the consequences as after all they are the ones that made this technology and they should have been more careful in what they have created. Energy should be used on developing mutant-related technology instead.

Another issue that humanity is facing with AI and cyber security is the dark web. Even though the dark web has been around longer than AI with this new technology it is getting harder to keep track of it and regulate it. Additionally, with the expansion of artificial technology and the creation of things such as deep fakes, the internet is becoming a more dangerous place as users are unable to identify what is real or made up. Moreover, with issues such as human trafficking and sexual exploitation the combination of artificial intelligence and dark web is becoming increasingly dangerous.<sup>18</sup> due to the amount of people who either end up there as a "deep fake" or in real life which is even more dangerous.

To combat this problem, Black Widow could use her skills to track down cybercriminals who work solely on the dark web to exploit, trafficking, and participate in black-market sales. Her spy abilities can allow her to infiltrate the black web to infiltrate these networks and take down criminal organisations. She can focus on shutting down dark web channels which are specific to criminal organisations to stop the further spread of these activities.

Lastly, War Machine can help Black widow in this problem by using drones and other monitoring software to track down criminal movement. While black widow can use her

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Wikipedia Contributors. "Deepfake." *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 17 May 2019, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deepfake.



knowledge about being an assassin, the war machine can use more practical methods in finding these organisations and then taking them down. The more that they manage to reach the less of an influence that they will have over the dark web; hopefully stopping many illegal activities.

Loki ,however, may have a different perspective on the dark web, viewing it as more of a place where he can almost have fun and cause chaos in the human world. While he is against anything to do with exploitation he may encourage and even help hackers hack into governmental organisations and spread disinformation. Overall, hoping to create a panic within human society.

### **TIMELINE OF EVENTS**

Date of the Event	Event
Before Time	Celestials created the universe and brought the first individuals the "eternals"
WW2	Steve Rogers receives the super soldier serum and becomes Captain America
1990	After losing his eye in a grenade blast, Nick Fury creates the idea of the avengers after being inspired by Captain Marvel
2010	More superheroes start forming; Tony stark becomes Iron Man after creating his suit and Bruce Banner becomes the Hulk after a science experiment where he received gamma radiation
2012	Avengers formed for the first time and work together as a team to defeat and stop Loki who has opened a portal to try to bring an army to Earth from another planet
2016	Almost 5 years later the avengers split up due to differences about the Sokovia Accords to which the team is divided into two with Iron Man



	being in favour and Captain America being against. This is also the time that Black Panther and Spider-man join as superheroes
2018	Even though the Avengers are still split they still work together as a group to try and stop Thanos from collecting all the infinity stones.
2023	Avengers officially become a group once again to again try to fix what Thanos has done after collecting all the infinity stones.

#### **POSITION PORTFOLIOS**

### **IRON MAN (Tony Stark)**

Tony Stark or Iron man is known for his charismatic and confident behaviour. He is a genius billionaire whose witty personality has allowed him to become the superhero he is today. He is the head of Stark Industries<sup>19</sup> and has lots of technical expertise which allow him to be at the forefront of every technological advancement as well as the making of advanced powersuits. His main focus and stance on events is technological advancements due to his vast knowledge on the topic he is interested in seeing how things like artificial intelligence evolve in the world and he believes creating technology for the greater good. Due to his dedication in maintaining global security he is good allies with the avengers and doctor strange which all have a common idea to create a safer place. However, because he is a prominent figure he also has enemies such as Loki who loves chaos and disruption.

### **SPIDERMAN (Peter Parker)**

Peter Parker is known as the kind teenager who is a friendly and empathetic hero, who is always willing to help and protect those around him even if it comes at the cost of his

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Wikipedia Contributors. "Iron Man." *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 19 Sept. 2019, <a href="mailto:en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron\_Man">en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iron\_Man</a>.



own life. He has a very self-sacrificing nature which drives him to protect the innocent as well as keep justice. To keep his goals he has superhuman agility, strength and reflexes as well as his iconic "spider-senses" which allow him to sense danger before it happens. He is committed to using his powers responsibly, working with the Avengers and Doctor Strange in creating global justice and always protecting the innocent, his strong moral compass guides him through many of his decisions as he frequently helps with his heart more than his brain. Like many other heroes he also has some enemies like the Green Goblin and Mysterio which creates illusions which exploit spidermans vulnerabilities, with one of these being his balance between personal and "hero" life.

# **THANOS (Dione)**

Thanos is known as cold and calculating, always putting himself before others. He has one belief and that being that the universe is only balanced through destruction which is why he goes after the infinity stones. <sup>20</sup>After he obtains all six of them he has the power to erase half of the universe which he attempts to do as he believes that this is needed for the greater sacrifice. One of the few allies that Thano has is Loki who shares not the same beliefs as him but has an interest in chaos. While they may not be the best of friends they are good at using each other and working together to get something that they both desire. While on this conquest Thanos creates some enemies like Iron Man and Doctor Strange whose beliefs are strongly against his which cause them to be on opposite sides of the playing field.

# MYSTIQUE (Raven Darkhölme)

Mystique is an independent and fierce strategist whose main goal and ideology is to protect mutants<sup>21</sup>. While she has no stance on many human events she is an advocate for mutants rights, with the belief that they should come first in their survival and there is no need to help humanity. She views humankind as a threat as she is under the belief that if given the chance they could erase mutants. She is an excellent spy due to her

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Tardive, Ambrose. "Thanos: The Marvel Villain's Powers & Biology Explained." ScreenRant, 22 Mar. 2024, screenrant.com/thanos-origin-powers-explained-marvel/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> to, Contributors. "Mystique." *X-Men Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2024, x-men.fandom.com/wiki/Mystique.



cunning nature and her shapeshifting abilities as well as her combat skills. One of her allies is Magneto due to their similar beliefs about humanity's treatment of mutants. These beliefs have caused her to come into conflict with people like the avengers whose job is to protect humans and keep a global peace. Moreover, she is also opposing with heros like Professor X who while is not always actively on a mission to save humans he believes in a peaceful coexistence.

### **CAPTAIN AMERICA (Steve Rogers)**

Captain America is noble and courageous and always has a sense of justice. Due to being a leader he is always advocating for some form of freedom and protection of human rights. He is a super-soldier which means that he possesses many amazing qualities such as strength, agility, and endurance in combat<sup>22</sup>. However, before becoming a superhero he was rejected from the military during WW2 due to his health issues. After that was when he became a super soldier because of a serum as he was selected for the super soldier program. He fought as a superhero before he got frozen for 70 years.<sup>23</sup> Moreover, he has his vibranium shield which he is able to be protected by but can also be used to damage and destroy others. Being in the Avengers, Captain America is allies with them due to being on the same team. However, like many of his teammates he also has enemies who he has collected due to his beliefs. For example Loki who does not align with his beliefs and has had to go into many battles against him.

#### **THOR (Thor Odinson)**

Thor is also known as the God of Thunder due to not only his super powers but his confident and brave personality as well. He advocates for peace across universes and is committed to protecting both Earth and Asgard. Thor is able to control lighting<sup>24</sup> and weather and also has superhuman strength and durability. His main allies are the

www.marvel.com/characters/captain-america-steve-rogers/in-comics.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Marvel. "Captain America (Steve Rogers) in Comics Powers & Villains | Marvel." *Marvel Entertainment*, 2018,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Cabral, Brandon. "How Old Was Captain America When He Was Frozen?" *ScreenRant*, Screen Rant, 13 July 2020, <a href="mailto:screenrant.com/captain-america-frozen-age-marvel-comics/">screenRant</a>, <a href="mailto:screenrant.com/captain-america-frozen-age-marvel-comics/">screenRant</a>, <a href="mailto:screenrant.com/captain-america-frozen-age-marvel-comics/">screenrant</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> "Thor." *Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2024, marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Thor.



avengers who he works together with, however, he also is close with Loki due to him being his brother even though they come into conflict sometimes. Like many of the avengers Thor is also against Thanos.

### **DEADPOOL** (Wade Wilson)

Deadpool is known for being a witty and charismatic guy, he is an anti-hero and even though he has a serious demeanour he also has humour. Like many others he also wishes to have a balance between the realms and fights for his own causes rather than being in a team between the "villains" and the "heros". He has many super powers, such as quick healing<sup>25</sup> and his enhanced strength and reflexes. His main ally is Wolverine whose combat skills make a great pair with him. He is also allied with Colossus due to them both being between the hero and villain line. Ajax is one of his main enemies and is often referred to as the "dark past" of deadpool.

### **DOCTOR STRANGE (Stephen Strange)**

Doctor Strange is a confident and braver sorcerer who is well known for his loyalty. His main stance on events is his beliefs that there should be peace across universes and unity between different worlds; to prevent conflicts that could threaten any world as he has access to many due to his portals. He has very many powers stemming from his magic ones such as: mystic arts, time manipulation, astral form, interdimensional travel and lastly the ability of flight. All these powers cause him to be one of the strongest superheroes. Scarlet Witch is one of his allies due to them both having magic abilities and the other ones being the avengers whose beliefs and values often coincide for the greater good of the worlds.

# **SCARLET WITCH (Wanda Maximoff)**

Scarlet Witch<sup>26</sup> is known for being a very emotional and intense person which is especially vulnerable due to her powers being almost an extension of herself and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Comic Book Origins: Deadpool. "Wade Wilson (Earth-616)." *Marvel Database*, 2015, marvel.fandom.com/wiki/Wade Wilson (Earth-616).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>. "Scarlet Witch." *Marvel Cinematic Universe Wiki*, Fandom, Inc., 2024, marvelcinematicuniverse.fandom.com/wiki/Scarlet Witch



regulated with her emotions many times. Her morals lie within herself as her main priority is protecting her loved ones no matter the sacrifice, if it's herself or the world in general. Her powers include magic, telekinesis, mind manipulation and lastly reality wrapping. Much like Doctor Strange all these powers allow her to be one of the most powerful people. Her biggest ally is vision as her love for him has allowed them to be great parents as well as his intellect. She is also very close to Quicksilver who is her twin brother. Even though they have a struggle in their relationship one of the main enemies of Wanda is her almost mentor Agatha Harkness who she has come to some difficult decisions about her manipulation.

# **BLACK WIDOW (Natasha Romanoff)**

Black Widow has a very calm demeanour and also has an amazing ability to stay calm under pressure. While she may not have any specific power she is a trained assassin<sup>27</sup> which allows her to have skills such as combat and a tactical mind. Due to her past she has a strong sense of justice especially towards the equality of women. Her close friend Hawkeye is considered one of her allies as they have worked together in many battles. One of her main enemies ,however, and what made her is the red room which is the organisation that trained her.

#### **GAMORA**

Gamora's main personality traits are her loyalty and strict discipline<sup>28</sup> which is a consequence of her upbringing as an assassin. Also because of this she has strength and resilience and much like black widow even though she does not have a specific superpower her skills in combat make her extremely useful. She has a strong sense of justice due to her upbringing and always believes that she should stand up for what she believes is right. Her ally and friend is a rocket raccoon who she has worked with throughout her journey. Ironically, her enemies are mainly in the form of her family. One of them being Thanos who is her father and due to her upbringing with him she

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holds resentment as well as her principles do not align with his. Additionally, she has a difficult relationship with her sister Nebula which again is because of her upbringing.

## LOKI/LAUFEYSON

Loki like his brother also has a nickname, his being the "God of Mischief" which is particularly apt especially due to his cheeky and charismatic personality. He is highly strategic and with his manipulation he can pretty much change anyone's mind and end up getting what he wants. He likes chaos and does what he can to increase it. Loki has many superpowers like magic, shape-shifting and superhuman strength. His allies are mostly his family Hela and Thor and even though with both he has a complex relationship with he still has worked together with them. Loki has quite a few enemies due to his personality and stance on himself, like the avengers and thanos.

#### **ROCKET RACCOON**

Rocket Raccoon is one of the funniest characters known for his wit and sarcastic humour. He is very resourceful and makes up many of the plans during the battle. Even though he gets underestimated due to his size, he is a strong opponent especially due to him being a biologically altered raccoon and cyborg<sup>30</sup>. He also is very useful with technology which is one of his main stances on events as well; the research of new technology. His best friend Groot is his ally due to them complementing each other in personality as well as in battle.

#### **NICK FURY**

Nick Fury is resourceful and strategic and has gained many skills from being the former director of S.H.I.E.L.D.<sup>31</sup> Like his ally Captain marvel he believes in working together to solve common goals globally. He is a trained combatant and also has a cybernetic eye

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which has many technologies which allow him to have crucial information. Thanos is Nick's main enemy as he goes against everything that he and the avengers believe in.

### **CAPTAIN MARVEL (Carol Danvers)**

Captain Marvel is a very confident and independent character<sup>32</sup>. Due to these qualities she has a strong sense of justice and is always sure to advocate for equality especially in women since she is a strong feminist. She has a range of powers such as, cosmic energy manipulation, flight, binary form and energy projection allowing her to be a strong opponent in battle. Nick Fury is one of her allies as they have respect for each other and have worked together with common goals.

#### REPRESENTATION OF CIVILIANS

Civilians will be presenting their own point of view on the topics while remaining diplomatic. They can show the opinion that they want or that is based on themselves. Civilians can influence the debate by bringing in fresh ideas and they have the advantage of creating or making them up as they do not have to be cannon to anything. Additionally, with being humans they have a different perspective on many real life events, as they will be focusing on the well being of Earth rather than any other planet. Their main objectives should be to advocate for what they believe is right and to present their opinions on the subject matter.

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