

AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR

CRITICAL THINKING AND SELF REFLECTION MOVIE GUIDE

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1. After a futile counter-attack from the Hulk, Loki offers the Tesseract to Thanos in exchange for Thor's life only to be killed himself when Thanos anticipates Loki's attempt to betray and kill him. Why does Thor cry out in anguish when Loki dies; didn't Loki cause Thor, his family, and people on Earth lots of trouble? Will you forgive right now an adversary in your life, like Thor forgave Loki? Why or why not? Be specific. _____

2. In Scotland, Wanda Maximoff and Vision, who has the Mind Stone in his forehead, are ambushed by Midnight and Glaive, but Steve Rogers, Natasha Romanoff and Sam Wilson fend them off. Vision proposes that Maximoff destroy the Stone in his forehead to keep Thanos from retrieving it but at the expense of Vision's own life. What do you believe in or love so much that you'd be willing to sacrifice your time, talents, and perhaps your own life? Explain your answer in detail. _____

3. In Knowhere, Thanos ambushes the Guardians of the Galaxy, having already retrieved the Reality Stone and created an illusion of an intact Knowhere to trap them. He captures Gamora. Thanos reveals he knows Gamora has the location of the Soul Stone after prying information from a tortured Nebula. Do you believe torture is an effective and/or moral practice to get valuable information from our country's adversaries? Why or why not? _____

4. Thanos and Gamora travel to the planet of the Soul Stone, where Red Skull, the Stone's keeper, informs him that the Stone can only be retrieved by sacrificing someone he truly loves. Despite his reluctance, Thanos tearfully throws Gamora off a tall cliff to her death, which grants him the Soul Stone. Does Thanos really love Gamora if he's willing to sacrifice her to achieve his goal? Why or why not? Why do you think Gamora is blind to the fact that Thanos loves her? _____

5. Thanos' goal is to eradicate half of all life in the universe. Why? Is Thanos' goal good or bad? Explain your reasoning. Planet Earth has limited resources and many on it are in need of basic necessities like food, shelter, and water. In your opinion, is Earth overpopulated? What do you think can and should be done to ensure our fate is not like that of Thanos' home world? _____

6. Thanos teleports to Titan, where the group engage him hand-to-hand and manage to subdue him. Mantis is able to calm Thanos while Peter and Tony attempt to pry the gauntlet from his arm. Quill and Nebula, who arrived on Titan during the battle, deduce that Gamora is dead; an enraged Quill retaliates, breaking the group's hold on Thanos. When's a time you let your emotion get the better of you, like Quill, and what did you learn from that experience? _____

7. Thanos defeats the group, and Strange decides to surrender the Time Stone. Thanos retrieves the Time Stone and departs Titan. Why do you believe Dr. Strange gave up the Time Stone? Explain in detail. _____

8. Thor, Rocket and Groot arrive at an abandoned and desolate Nidavellir, where the giant dwarf Eitri informs them that Thanos forced the dwarves to create his gauntlet. Afterward, Thanos killed all the dwarves except for Eitri. After laboring to reactivate the forge, the four create Stormbreaker, a battle axe that serves as Thor's new weapon and grants him the power of the Bifrost. Do you believe that it was right of Thor to split the Guardians of the Galaxy into two groups in order for him to get Stormbreaker? Why or why not? If he had helped the group fight Thanos on Titan wouldn't they have defeated him? _____

9. The Avengers arrive in Wakanda and task Shuri with safely extracting the Mind Stone from Vision. Thanos' Outrider army arrives and begins attacking Wakanda, and the Avengers, alongside the united Wakandan armies led by King T'Challa, mount a defense against Thanos' forces. Discuss the violence in Avengers: Infinity War. From the opening scene of the Asgardians' deaths to now, how does violence in this film compare to those in the other Avengers movies? Is there a difference in the impact of violence on viewers when it's hand-to-hand combat versus catastrophic, buildings-collapsing types of destruction? Do you think this movie is scarier for children than previous MCU entries? Why or why not? _____

10. Thanos' goal of eradicating half of all life in the universe comes to fruition as people begin disintegrating. Thanos awakens fully healed in another planet and serenely watches the sunset, satisfied at having achieved his ultimate goal. Do you believe Thanos to be evil? Why or why not? _____

11. In a post-credits scene, the Earth is in chaos as people begin dissolving into nothing. Director Nick Fury and Deputy Director Maria Hill witness the scene on the street before they dissolve themselves. Before he vanishes, Fury manages to send a final distress signal to who?

12. What are the movie's messages about teamwork and courage? What happened when characters didn't work together as planned? Why is teamwork an important character strength? Which teammates in Avengers: Infinity War were particularly effective? What strategies did they use to contribute to their team? _____

13. How does the movie explore the idea/theme of sacrifice? Are there different kinds of sacrifice in the movie? What role does it play in the movie? What impact does it have on the characters? _____

14. Why is it important to audiences that superheroes be from diverse cultures and backgrounds? Do you think the Marvel Cinematic Universe offers strong examples of both racial and gender diversity? _____

15. Thanos' goal is to save the universe by eliminating intelligent life where it has grown too much and depleted too many resources. Do you believe his end goal is a valid one? Do you believe his tactics to achieve his goal were the best possible? Why or why not? Does your country have a problem with too many or too little resources for its people? What, if anything, do you think should be done to help? What other themes in this film stick out to you and why? _____
