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# Who's Who?



## Thanos

Thanos, born on the planet Titan, is a cruel, violent warlord with superhuman strength and abilities. To solve problems of overpopulation in the universe, he destroyed half of all living things. His assistant, **Ebony Maw**, is a skilled magician.



## Steve Rogers / Captain America

Rogers was given superpowers by the U.S. government, became Captain America, and fell in love with **Peggy Carter**. After a heroic plane crash in the Arctic, he was unconscious for sixty-six years before becoming an Avenger.



## Natasha Romanoff / Black Widow

Natasha was trained by the Russian security service as a spy and highly effective killer. She was later persuaded to join the U.S. agency S.H.I.E.L.D., and is now—as Black Widow—an extremely skillful fighter for the Avengers.



## Tony Stark / Iron Man

Stark is a smart, wealthy scientist and inventor. He developed a special suit that gives him superhuman strength and powers as Iron Man in his fights with the Avengers team. Stark and his wife, **Pepper Potts**, have a young daughter, **Morgan**.



## Bruce Banner / Hulk

Banner is a smart scientist who, as the result of a laboratory accident, becomes Hulk—an enormous, violent, green-skinned creature—when he is angry. He isn't always an enthusiastic Avenger.



## Scott Lang / Ant-Man

As Ant-Man, Lang can become tiny or enormous. He has been in the Quantum Realm, knowing nothing of events on Earth, on a journey controlled by his girlfriend, **Hope van Dyne**.



## Clint Barton / Hawkeye

Barton was a S.H.I.E.L.D. agent before joining the Avengers. As Hawkeye, he has no superpowers, but is extremely skilled with a bow and arrows. Now retired, he lives with his wife and children.



## James "Rhodey" Rhodes / War Machine

Rhodes was a U.S. Air Force officer when he met his close friend, Tony Stark. Stark made his War Machine suit, which he has worn to help the Avengers.



## Nebula

Nebula and her dead sister, **Gamora**—who she loved and hated—were kidnapped and adopted by Thanos, and trained to be killers. She has been helping the Avengers in their fight with Thanos.



## Rocket

Rocket is a scientifically improved engineer who builds powerful weapons. **Peter Quill/Star-Lord**, **Drax**, **Mantis**, and **Groot**—the other Guardians of the Galaxy—have disappeared.

**Thor** books

Thor, God of Thunder, was King of Asgard. He uses lightning to control his magical weapons—Mjolnir, the hammer, and Stormbreaker, the ax. With superhuman strength, he helps the Avengers.

**Valkyrie**

Valkyrie was one of a group of Asgardian fighters defeated by Thor's evil sister, Hela. She moved to Sakaar, but has lived on Earth with other Asgardians since the destruction of their planet.

**Carol Danvers / Captain Marvel**

Danvers becomes Captain Marvel, a hero with great strength and the ability to fly through space without the need for a spaceship. She helps anyone in the universe who needs it.

**Dr. Stephen Strange / Doctor Strange**

Before his disappearance, Strange was trained by **the Ancient One**, a very powerful sorcerer, to protect Earth against dangerous, magical powers. He was helped by his assistant, **Wong**.

**T'Challa / Black Panther**

Before he disappeared, T'Challa was King of Wakanda. His superpowers gave him the abilities of a big cat. His sister, **Shuri**, was a scientist. **Okoye** was the head of the Wakandan guards.

**Other Avengers**

Among the "disappeared" are also **Wanda Maximoff/Scarlet Witch**, "**Bucky**" **Barnes/Winter Soldier**, **Peter Parker/Spider-Man**, and **Sam Wilson/Falcon**—and **Nick Fury**, who created the Avengers.

# Introduction

*"See you in a minute," Natasha said to Rogers. The tunnel became active with a roaring noise, like the sound of a jet plane, and a spinning light show of flashing red and gold. The platform fell away, and the Avengers disappeared into the pulsing mouth below. Each team was racing through different twisted tunnels at speeds much greater than anything they could ever have imagined.*

After a desperate fight to prevent Thanos from finding all six Infinity Stones and using them to destroy half of all living things in the universe, the Avengers and their friends lose the final battle and watch as many of the people they love become dust. It appears that the moment that Thanos snapped his fingers while wearing the Infinity Gauntlet cannot be changed. But is that true? Can those who remain discover a way to bring back "the disappeared?"

The series of exciting Marvel Studios' movies has brought people unforgettable heroes from Captain America to Ant-Man, from Black Widow to Black Panther, taking them from Earth to distant planets. Humans, gods, and creatures from many other planets have featured in films showing the battles between the forces of good and evil. *Marvel Studios' Avengers: Infinity War*, which came out in 2018, brought Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, and other heroes together in the first part of the two-part final story of The Infinity Saga. *Marvel Studios' Avengers: Endgame* (2019) gives us the ending in an electrifying story of the battle for good.

The Infinity Stones have featured in previous Marvel Studios films, and are Stones with different powers that can be used, or held, by only a few because of their enormous power.

The red **Reality Stone** can change reality.

The green **Time Stone** allows its user to make time go backward or forward.

The blue **Space Stone** is hidden inside a container called the Tesseract. Its user can travel through portals to different parts of the universe.

The purple **Power Stone** gives its user enormous energy to create or destroy.

The yellow **Mind Stone** can be used to control the minds of others.

The orange **Soul Stone** allows its user to control people's souls and gives the user control over all life in the universe.

Brought together, they can cause change and destruction on an unimaginable level, but Thanos's search for all the Stones was a difficult and dangerous one. He succeeded, and in *Avengers: Endgame* we see the results of what he could achieve with them. *Avengers: Endgame* follows the story of how the few brave remaining heroes try to regain the Stones—and how much it costs them.

A previous story in the Marvel Studios' movies has been the discovery and use of the Quantum Realm, which is a universe with different rules about time and space. The scientist Hank Pym discovered that it was possible to go into this universe by becoming subatomic, and Pym Particles allow people and objects to do this. In *Marvel Studios' Ant-Man and The Wasp* (2018), we learn a great deal about the importance of the Quantum Realm, and it is of great importance in *Avengers: Endgame*, too.

Also important to the stories is the problem of overpopulation. The increase in population has created problems for our planet that people in every country have to face today, and these stories show and consider Thanos's solution in relation to a whole fictional universe.

In the title, the word "endgame" suggests that we are going to read about the final stage of a very long battle. The word is usually used when we come to the last moves in a game or a competition—the moves that will decide the winner. *Avengers: Endgame* gives us a winner. Is it the side that we expect to win, or not?



## Barton Farm, Missouri

Lila feels the warmth and strength of her father's hand on her shoulders as he gently corrects her position. His foot pushes against hers slightly to point it in the right direction. She raises the bow.

"Can you see where you're aiming?"

"Yes, Dad." Lila tries to concentrate on her target, a round board on a tree.

"And now?" Clint Barton pulls some of her dark hair to cover one of her eyes. "Can you see now?"

They laugh, and he stands back as she raises the bow again. In the distance, she can hear her brothers playing a ball game. Her mother is setting out a picnic in the summer sunshine. It is another day on the farm, just one more day, no different from the ones before it. Sunshine, birdsong, sweet, still air, and grass and trees as far as they can see.

"I want ketchup on my hot dog," one of the boys shouts, and throws the ball. The air is so calm that Lila can hear the gentle *thud* as it is caught in his brother's baseball glove.

Lila points at the target and her eyes half close. She pulls back the arrow and feels the controlled energy in the tight string. The arrow trembles slightly between her fingers. Then, the air seems to grow stiller. Her brothers' voices have faded. Lila is caught in that special moment that

she always experiences, when the world seems to be holding its breath. Then.

She lets the arrow fly.

She closes her eyes and hears the faint whisper as it cuts through the air; the singing *thud* when it sinks into the board. Right in the center.

“Hey, Hawkeye!” Barton is proud of his daughter. Lila has his talent with the bow—a talent that made him, the *real* Hawkeye, a dangerous member of the Avengers team. He pulls the arrow from the target as his wife calls that lunch is ready.

“O.K. We’re coming!” He turns back to Lila, but she isn’t there.

“Lila?” Barton walks around the tree. No one. Then he looks across to the picnic table. The food is there, but only spaces where there had been people. Confused, he turns full circle. Then, he feels it—the faint *buzz* of a strange electricity on his skin. He stands quite still, and fear touches his heart. All around him is silence; the air has become dead. All sound and life have been swallowed up.

Clint Barton is completely alone.



## Death of a Titan

“You’ve won.” Tony Stark stretched his hand across the table to congratulate Nebula. She had flicked the folded silver paper across his spread fingers to score the final “goal” in their game. Still unused to the way humans’ minds worked, she looked, unsure, at Stark’s hand. What should she do with it? She slowly placed her own hand in it to be shaken. Another new experience to be stored away inside her gray and blue head.

“It was fun,” she said, quietly and unemotionally as always.

Stark moved to the front of the Guardians of the Galaxy spaceship, where he could look out into the silent emptiness of outer space. He sat on the floor with his Iron Man helmet in front of him and switched on its recording device. The eyes flashed blue. He leaned back, exhausted, and rested his head against the chair. The bright smile that he had worn during the game with Nebula had faded.

“Pepper.” He was recording for the woman he loved. “If you ever get this message, do *not* post it on social media. It’s going to be a bit too sad.”

He looked out into the darkness. The spaceship was hanging in space like a great, dead bird. Broken, after the battle with Thanos, powerless and drifting. Stark and Nebula had gained some time by fixing the fuel cells, but now the last of the fuel was gone.