



MARVELLOUS MARVEL

Read these questions before you listen to the Marvel Universe podcast. Then, put down your pencil and listen carefully. Afterwards, see how much you can answer!



What is special about the main character in the next Marvel movie to be released?



Thinking about the answer to the above question, why do you think this is important to lots of people? What does that make you think and feel?



Why do you think it's called a "cinematic universe"? What is it about the Marvel system that makes it different from other movie franchises?



Why didn't Stanley Lieber want to use his real name when he wrote his first comic? What might this say about the way comics were viewed by society back then?



WHY ARE SUPERHERO MOVIES SO POPULAR?

A group of journalists who write about the movies thought long and hard about why superhero movies are such smash hits with both kids and adults. Read some of their reasons here, and answer the questions.



WE LOVE TO ESCAPE REALITY

When life gets a bit overwhelming, it's nice to be able to watch a movie that has nothing to do with everyday life. Alien worlds and superhuman abilities are definitely not part of our every day!

What do you like to do when you feel overwhelmed?



WE LOVE THOSE WHO PROTECT THE WEAK

Scientists say humans are hard-wired to admire those who stand up for someone who is being bullied or hurt. We love superheroes because they protect those who can't protect themselves.

Tell about a time that you stood up for someone else, or someone stood up for you.



WE LOVE TO SEE THE IMPOSSIBLE

Experts say that superhero movies wouldn't be anywhere near as popular if the special and visual effects weren't as good. When we watch, our eyes really believe the amazing things we're seeing.

Which impossible superpower would you like to have? Why?



WE LOVE THE FAMILIAR

People are often afraid of the unknown. With a superhero movie, you know what to expect.

Would you rather go to your favourite park, or try somewhere new? Why/why not?
