

Ms. Marvel Study Guide

Part 1 Directions: While reading G. Willow Wilson's run on *Ms. Marvel*, answer the following questions. You do **NOT** have to write your responses in complete sentences, but make sure that your answers are thorough and analytical, which means that you will need to write your answers on a separate sheet of paper. We will use the first volume of *Ms. Marvel* as the example text to reference in class, while discussing Scott McCloud's theory text, *Understanding Comics*.

Keep up with the study guide questions, because 1) they will function as your reading check, in place of reading quizzes and 2) they will help aid you in class discussion.

Issue 1: "No Normal"

1. Why does Kamala claim she can't eat one of the hot sandwiches at the shop?
2. What does Zoe ask Nakia?
3. What are Kamala's interests?
4. What happens when Kamala sneaks out to go to the party – when Kamala disobeyed her parents, culture, and religion?
5. What does Kamala want?

Issue 2: "All Mankind"

6. What happens when Kamala tries to transform back into Ms. Marvel?
7. What gives Kamala the courage to save Zoe from drowning?
8. How does Kamala feel about her new Ms. Marvel costume?
9. What makes Kamala happy?
10. How do her parents find out that she has snuck out?

Issue 3: "Side Entrance"

11. What is the name of Kamala's cereal?
12. What is Kamala's response for not responding to Nakia's text?
13. Where does Kamala try out her shape shifting abilities?
14. How does Kamala feel about her new powers?
15. How does Kamala solve the robbery problem? Be specific.

Issue 4: "Past Curfew"

16. How does Bruno find out about Ms. Marvel?
17. What are Kamala's fears of being identified?
18. How does Bruno respond to Kamala's powers?
19. What is Kamala's dilemma?
20. What is Bruno and Kamala's original plan for the night? Hint: she makes a promise to Bruno that she is going to something.

Issue 5: "Urban Legend"

21. What does Kamala say to the guy in the ImABadGuy t-shirt? Hint: she claims that her statement is out of character for her.
22. Why does Kamala lose the fight?
23. How do Kamala's parents respond to her sneaking out?
24. Complete Kamala's thought: _____ is not a thing you are. It's a thing you _____.
25. Why does Bruno put a Ms. Marvel doll in front of the store?

Issue 6: "Healing Factor Part 1"

26. What does Sheikh Abdullah tell Kamala to do?
27. Kamala claims that she has everything a superhero needs except for theme music. What type of theme music would fit her personality and situation in this issue? Support your answer.
28. What is the bird character's name?
29. Which superhero makes an appearance in this issue?
30. What does Kamala think she might be? Hint: Wolverine gives her this idea.

Part 2 Directions: As a class, we will analyze several Ms. Marvel issues. Since you have already read the issue, you will go back and reread or skim the issue you get assigned. Then in groups of 3-4 people, you will focus on a few, specifically selected pages for analysis. Your group will write at least 1 strong, analytical question, and complete an analysis for your section. In your page analysis, focus on lines, gutters, panel shape, panel transitions, coloring, lettering, plot, language, or any other comic components that we have discussed in class.

Issue 7: "Healing Factor Part 2"

Summary: Kamala fights alongside Wolverine and learns more about the Inspector

Issue 8: "Generation Why Part 1"

Summary: Kamala tries to keep her identity a secret

Issue 9: "Generation Why Part 2"

Summary: Kamala learns about the harvest and a giant dog becomes her sidekick

Issue 10: "Generation Why Part 3"

Summary: Kamala battles a chicken in a robot suit, while teaching the youth that they have value – strong social and political tones in this issue

Issue 11: "Generation Why Part 4"

Summary: Kamala finds her friends in trouble and reaches out to others for help on her mission