

### Avengers: Infinity War



I suffer from Avengernesia: I'm a bit hazy on which Marvel films I've seen and the order they're supposed to be in. You don't need to have seen all the earlier films to enjoy this, but some backstory on its gazillion superheroes certainly helps. We begin with Thor getting his arse kicked  
5 by Thanos, who's out to collect six Infinity Stones, which will give him ultimate power in the universe: control over time, space, reality and, um, soul and... other stuff. Perhaps even pedestrian crossings that make you wait forever for the green man.

Two of the Infinity Stones are on Earth: one in Vision's head, the other  
10 with Dr Strange. Various superheroes gather to protect each stone, others go after Thanos and yet more help Thor find a replacement for that hammer of his. Despite the vast cast and multi-stranded plot that looks bewildering on paper, this does kind of work. But ensembles are harder to care about than single protagonists — and after Thanos, the only villain  
15 likely to test the combined superheroes' power, you wonder where the franchise has left to go.

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