

GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR EXPLORING SUPERHEROES

Directions: Choose two superheroes from popular culture texts and two superheroes from books. Then decide which two perspectives you'd like to use to explore them. Write the answers to the questions on this sheet and then use what you have written to fill out the EXPLORING SUPERHEROES CHART.

Audience Perspective

- Who do you think would like this superhero? Why?

- Who would not like this superhero? Why not?

Gender Perspective (Gender is whether a superhero is a boy or a girl.)

- Do you know if this superhero is a boy or girl?

- Do you think that this superhero's gender affects what he or she can do? How?

- How do you think this superhero might be different if he or she was the opposite gender?

Setting Perspective (Setting is where the story takes place.)

- When and where did the story about this superhero happen?

- How does the setting affect the superhero? Would he or she be different if the story happened at a different time or in a different place? What are some ways you think the superhero would be different?