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Ms. Marvel Lesson Plans Week 2 (might be Week 6 of the semester):

**Lesson Plan Credit: Zachary King** **(ZK)** (<https://uiowagel.wordpress.com/teaching-the-graphic-novel/ms-marvel/>)

**Day 1:**

**Read:**

* *Ms. Marvel*, Volume 2: Generation Why
* James Whitbrook, “Islamophobic Bus Ads in San Francisco Are Being Defaces With Kamala Khan”: <http://gizmodo.com/islamaphobic-bus-ads-in-san-francisco-are-being-defaced-1681857271>
* Kelly Kanayama, “Marvel is Wrong About Diversity Killing Its Comics” (Lesson Plan Credit: Ashley Wells): <http://nerdist.com/marvel-diversity-comics-david-gabriel-wrong/>

**Discussion points:**

* [“Islamophobic Bus Ads…”](http://toybox.io9.com/islamaphobic-bus-ads-in-san-francisco-are-being-defaced-1681857271) – True story! Activists in the San Francisco area used Kamala Khan’s imagery to cover up and rebrand anti-Muslim bus advertisements. Superheroes exist in the real world; they just behave a little differently. (ZK)
* In class Freewrite/Debate: Diversity in Comics

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**Day 2:**

**Read:**

* *Ms. Marvel*, Volume 2: Generation Why, cont.
* *Marvel UK*, “Inhumanity: A Marvel Comics Event” (video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxZp7En2sbk&feature=youtu.be>)

**Discussion Points:**

Superhero comics have something of a dirty reputation as being inaccessible, often drawing on decades of backstory of which the reader is assumed to have already read. Usually, this isn’t the case, and *Ms. Marvel* is almost entirely self-contained. However, your students may wonder about the mysterious turquoise mist that gives Kamala her superpowers. (Or they may assume that the mist is as nebulous as the “solar radiation” and “heavy vapor” that gave Superman and The Flash their respective powers.) In the Marvel Universe, there exists a race of genetically altered humans known as Inhumans, who possess latent DNA which grants them superpowers. This Inhuman DNA is activated by the Terrigen Mist, which was released by Black Bolt (king of the Inhumans) in another comic book, *Infinity*, published roughly concurrently with *Ms. Marvel*. Here is [a very succinct video description](https://youtu.be/LxZp7En2sbk); your students may also be familiar with the Terrigen Mist from its recent appearances on the ABC television show [*Marvel’s Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D*](https://youtu.be/gOjmQyTQQTg)*.*Eventually, Kamala learns of her Inhuman connection in the second trade collection, *Ms. Marvel, Vol. 2: Generation Why*. (ZK)

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