

Origins of our listed Superheroes:

Here is a brief summary of the origin stories of the superheroes we refer to in our slides. They are a very superficial understanding of the comic book universe adapted from various wiki-sites, but should provide some background knowledge for the budding comic enthusiast.

Hulk: (wikipedia)

During the experimental detonation of a gamma bomb, scientist **Bruce Banner** rushes to save teenager **Rick Jones** who has driven onto the testing field; Banner pushes Jones into a trench to save him, but is himself hit with the blast, absorbing massive amounts of gamma radiation. He awakens later in an infirmary, seeming relatively unscathed, but that night transforms into a lumbering grey form that breaks through the wall and escapes. A soldier in the ensuing search party dubs the otherwise unidentified creature a "hulk".^[36] The original incarnation of Banner transformed into the Hulk at sunset and reverted at sunrise. Banner was cured in *The Incredible Hulk* #4, but chose to restore Hulk's powers with Banner's intelligence. The gamma-ray machine needed to affect the transformation-induced side effects that made Banner temporarily sick and weak when returned to his normal state.

Spiderman: (<http://www.comicbookresources.com/?id=39377&page=article>)

Attending a demonstration on radiation, Peter is bitten by a glowing, radioactive spider that promptly dies. Feeling ill, Peter wanders out onto the street and narrowly avoids an oncoming car by making a superhuman leap into the air. On instinct, he lands on the side of a building and clings to it. Peter discovers he has gained the "proportionate speed, strength and agility of a spider." He can also will any part of his body to cling to surfaces, thanks to what Mr. Fantastic later calls "bio-magnetism" (an enhanced version of spiders clinging to surfaces by tiny claws and electro-static force).

Professor X: His telepathic powers emerge when he is a teenager.

Wiki official origin (Wolverine):

The character's official origin story was told in the 2001–2002 miniseries *Origin*. Wolverine was born as James Howlett in **Alberta, Canada**, in the late 1880s, to rich farm owners John and Elizabeth Howlett.^[19] The "Origin" miniseries insinuates and the *Wolverine Goes to Hell* story later fully reveals, however, that he is actually the illegitimate son of the Howletts' groundskeeper, **Thomas Logan**.^[20] After being thrown off the Howletts' property for violent actions perpetrated by his other son, named simply Dog, Thomas returns to the Howlett manor and kills John Howlett. In retaliation, young James kills Thomas with bone claws that emerge from the back of his hands as his mutation manifests (a traumatic event in one's youth is often the trigger for mutant powers). James is cast out by his mother (who then kills herself).^[21] He

flees with his childhood companion, Rose (who closely resembles [Jean Grey](#)) and grows into manhood on a mining colony in the [Yukon Territory](#), adopting the name "Logan".^[22] After accidentally killing Rose with his claws, Logan leaves the colony and lives for a time in the wilderness among wolves

Flash: Wally west origin. There are several others
Wallace Rudolph "Wally" West is the nephew of Iris West and of Barry Allen by marriage, and was introduced in *The Flash* (vol. 1) #110 (1959). When West was about ten years old, he was visiting his uncle's police laboratory, and the freak accident that gave Allen his powers repeated itself, bathing West in electrically charged chemicals.

Captain America: (Wikipedia)

Captain America was an American soldier in [World War II](#) who was given a serum that transformed him into a physically perfect human. He wears a patriotic costume, wields an indestructible circular shield, and fights for American ideals of liberty and justice.