

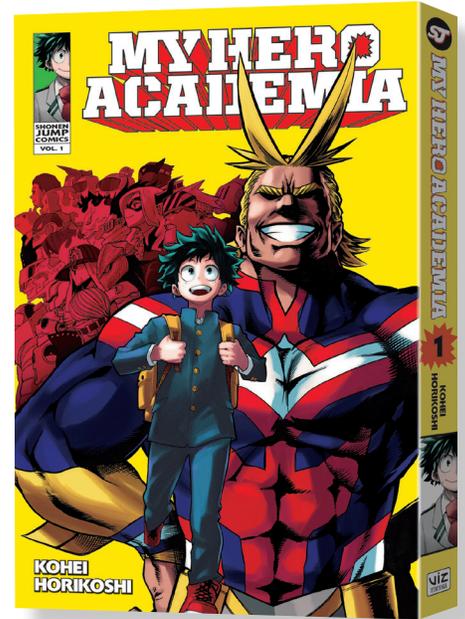


My Hero Academia Reading Club Guide

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Overview

My Hero Academia, written and illustrated by Kohei Horikoshi, tells the story of a young middle school student, Izuku Midoriya, on his quest to become a hero. In a world where 80 percent of the population are superpowered with different “Quirks,” and where the most powerful heroes and villains are household names, Izuku belongs to a small portion of society without Quirks. With no powers and an uncertain future ahead of him, Izuku has a chance encounter with All Might, the greatest hero in the world, that changes his life forever. As he struggles with his newfound powers, navigates a new high school built for training young super-heroes, and makes new friends and enemies along the way, he begins to understand what truly makes someone a hero.



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How to Read Manga

In keeping with the original Japanese comic format, manga is read from right to left—so action, sound effects and word balloons are reversed to preserve the orientation of the original artwork.

Key Themes

- Perseverance
- Friendship
- Honor
- Inclusivity
- Courage

Key Characters

- **Izuku Midoriya** (aka Deku) is the protagonist of *My Hero Academia*
- **All Might** is the most powerful hero in the world and Deku’s idol
- **Katsuki Bakugo** is one of Deku’s classmates prior to being accepted into U.A. High School and the main antagonist for this volume
- **U.A. High School Students** include Tenya Ida, Ochaco Uraraka, Shoto Todoroki, and Tsuyu Asui
- **U.A. High School Faculty** include Eraser Head (Deku’s homeroom teacher), Recovery Girl (the school nurse), Present Mic (the English teacher), and All Might (the heroics teacher)



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Discussion Questions

- How much manga have you read before? If this was your first manga, did you find it hard to read? Why? Was anything difficult about adjusting to the style or keeping track of who was speaking?
- If people suddenly started developing Quirks in the real world, what do you think would happen? How would society and the government handle the situation?
- Who is your favorite character introduced in Vol. 1? Why? Do you identify any with any particular character? Why or why not?
- Share your favorite panel from this volume. Why was that your favorite?
- Did you find this volume funny? Were there any times you laughed out loud? Was there anything about the art or text that you found particularly humorous?
- What other stories from pop culture does *My Hero Academia* remind you of? What similarities and differences do those stories share?
- What makes *My Hero Academia* stand out to you? What is its appeal?
- Why do you think All Might chooses Deku to be his successor?
- Imagine that while your friends are discovering and developing their Quirks, you are left Quirk-less. How would you feel? How would that affect your relationships with your peers?
- Have you ever trained for something as hard as Deku did? Can you imagine yourself doing that intense of training? If so, what for?
- If you've never read *My Hero Academia* and never seen the anime, what do you think will happen in the next volume?
- Some of the artwork in the first volume of *My Hero Academia* shows a lot of intensity, even in scenes that aren't necessarily filled with action. How does the artist convey that intensity?
- Deku hits many obstacles in the book. Everything he feels and does is intense, amplified, and high-stakes. Why do you think the author chose to write his character this way? How would you feel if put in these same situations?
- What would your strategy be for the U.A. High School entrance exam?
- Present Mic didn't mention gaining points for saving others during the entrance exam. Why do you think he left this out?

Activities

- **We All Have Quirks:** Have club members brainstorm as many Quirks as they can think of, ranging from the magnificent to the mundane. Then, randomly assign, or have students select at random, one of the brainstormed Quirks. Then, each club member should think about how they would use that Quirk in real life. Would they try to pursue the superhero route, or use their Quirk in other ways? How would they incorporate that Quirk into everyday life?
- **Costume Design:** Think of a Quirk that you would like to have. Then design a costume for yourself that amplifies or highlights your Quirk. Take into account things such as how you move and how you want to be seen.



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