**Renegades**
Marissa Meyer

**GENRE:** Fantasy, Superhero, Action Adventure

**BOOK SUMMARY**
Nova has always known that her job is to destroy those who had promised help and failed to deliver leaving her entire family dead. So when the chance to take out the head of the Renegade’s leader goes seriously wrong, she has no other choice but to go undercover. Posing as a new recruit, Nova does everything she can to prove her loyalty to her new crew without exposing her real intentions. But as she begins to learn more about the people she’s spying on, her true allegiance is tested when betrayals and secrets are revealed. Nova can’t help but wonder who the good guys are and who the bad ones are. If she doesn’t figure it out in time, she might not survive.

**BOOK TALK**
Being a superhero isn’t easy. Being an undercover spy posing as a new recruit for the superheroes that want to kill you is even harder. When Nova infiltrates the Renegades, she’s looking for revenge. What she finds is much more dangerous. And it might be what kills her.

**LINKS TO HELPFUL WEBSITES**
- **Official Book Trailer:** [https://youtu.be/D2eBSF4IKGg](https://youtu.be/D2eBSF4IKGg)
- **Official Website:** [http://renegades.universeofmarissameyer.com/](http://renegades.universeofmarissameyer.com/)
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**MAKERSPACE ACTIVITY**
You are a superhero going undercover for the enemy. What is your power? How does it work in everyday society? Does it involve scientific principles such as energy manipulation or is it more fantasy like transfiguration? What type of suit would you wear to help you harness and focus your power without revealing who you really are?

Using a green screen and a video camera, recreate your favorite superhero moments from *Renegades*.

Create a game based on the surveillance at the library or another exciting moment in the book. What are the rules? How do you win? How do you lose?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**
1. **How does the way Nova views the Renegades change over the course of the novel?** What are some of the motivating factors for this change? What about the Anarchists?
2. **Why is it so important to the Renegades that Max and his power be kept a secret?**
3. **More than once, the phrase “One cannot be brace who has no fear” is used.** How does Nova’s understanding of this change over the course of the book? What does it mean to you?

**IF YOU ENJOYED THIS BOOK, YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE**
- **Marissa Meyer:** *Lunar Chronicles; Heartless*
- **Action Adventure**: *Warcross* by Marie Lu
- **Superheroes**: *Steelheart* by Brandon Sanderson

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