

AVENGERS ENDGAME: BRANCH OF ALTERNATE REALITY

PART 0: What did it cost? (0-3m)

The movie opens with Thanos living a peaceful life as a farmer. He seems satisfied. Suddenly, he hears a child's scream. He runs inside and finds a child's body. When he turns it around, it's young Gamora. Thanos hugs her, but then, he hears a haunting voice; it's the child Gamora. She cryptically says: "You shouldn't have done it." Thanos then wakes up, and he's in a ship's chambers. He goes out and towards the front. They are landing on a planet with many fearful inhabitants, shaking but still standing against the Mad Titan in rebellion. Thanos has an uneasy look on his face, a look of displeasure and disappointment. He clutches his hand, and the stones shine.

[AVENGERS INTRO PLAYS]

PART 1: Drifting in Space (3-10m)

Tony and Nebula spend their days on the guardians' ship. The ship cannot run, so they spend several months adrift until Tony figures out a way to start the ship again (re-assuring Nebula he knows what he's doing as he built his way out of a cave with a box of scraps), but due to miscalculations, it warps off-course into a strange, isolated region. Nebula tells him that there is a planet nearby that may hold more answers to the infinity stones; she had thought it was a myth, but now that she sees it, she thinks the legends may be true. At this planet, they discover an ancient civilization that seems to hold the key to the infinity gems' origins. A village of aliens lives on the planet, guarding it. They sense that Tony has a mysterious destiny that led him here, and that he was meant to find it. They tell him that the stones used to be part of one being, but separated due to the being's inner conflict and loneliness.

The aliens show Tony a vision of Pepper and his baby, and Tony asks them if they're alive. Just before he can hear their answer, Tony is panged when he hears a hard-to-recognize voice calling out to him. He goes into a coma. When he wakes up, everything is silent. He thinks it's the people meditating in peace and harmony, but as he walks out of the sound proof chambers, screams and blasts begin to become louder. He's not sure if it's his imagination or not. When he realizes it's real, it's too late- a blast hits the chambers, and he sees that outside, the village is being attacked by Thanos's army, though Thanos is nowhere to be seen. He finds Nebula fighting by herself, so he suits up, but due to his malnourished state, is quickly overwhelmed. He meets Ebony Maw, who reveals he survived through a spell that caused him to be too weak to fight until he found Thanos again.

PART 2: The Last Hope (10-20m)

As Tony is about to bite it, he's saved by Steve Rogers. One by one, the Avengers, Captain Marvel and Rocket come to save the inhabitants of the planet from Thanos's army. Tony is surprised, and it's revealed that the Avengers have been stealthily tracking Thanos for months, but have not been able to catch him. Only through luck did they manage to get him this time, and they're surprised to see Tony here. Cap says something about how Banner's "strange voices" led them to this location.

They battle Thanos, but with all 6 gems, he's shown to be far too powerful. They manage to evacuate the surviving villagers, but their planet is destroyed. Captain Marvel holds Thanos off, telling the Avengers to warp to escape, but it comes at a great cost when Thanos uses the full might of the gems to

break apart Captain Marvel's body, and Thanos believes she's dead. This also comes at great cost to Thanos, which explains why he does not use the full power all the time.

PART 3: Inside the Soul Stone (20-25m)

Thanos has another vision with the soul stone, but this time he is not fooled by the illusion, and calls it out, asking it "what it is." The girl tells Thanos that she's Gamora, but Thanos doesn't believe her. Thanos tells the girl that he had to sacrifice the one he loved the most to save all the other little girls in the world. Yet the girl still insists that she is the real Gamora- that she has not died. Thanos rejects this. Then, he hears another mysterious voice call out to him. Thanos begins to reach more and more towards this mysterious voice, which sounds like the same one that spoke to Tony. Thanos wonders if this is his subconsciousness that is speaking to him to settle his guilt over killing Gamora. It manifests itself as a deathly apparition. Thanos deduces this is a byproduct of the mind gem, perhaps a way of helping him settle his inner turmoil, so he begins to engage in conversation with it.

Thanos had repaired the gauntlet, though it is costly to maintain it, so he must consume more and more resources and wage war, which goes against his plan to create a universe that lives in balance of resources. Whereas the first snap damaged him a lot, with a vast amount of energy inside of him, Thanos has grown far stronger and is able to handle the gauntlet with much more endurance. The apparition asks him if he is disappointed, but Thanos is in denial of this. The Titan says he has sacrificed too much and that his will is what allows him to do what others can't. He has to keep fighting.

In actuality, it is implied but not stated: Thanos utilizes all his gems in an attempt to subjugate the universe under his rule. He did not want to do this, as he thought he would retire in peace once his job was done. However, reality did not go the way his dream intended, so he must still work as a tyrant in order to keep his new universe balanced and under control. It is a bigger job than he can handle, so he goes to new extremes using the stones.

But just then, a trigger makes Thanos suspicious that the voice may not actually be his subconsciousness. He fears it may be someone else entirely.

PART 4: The Plan (25-35m)

With their last hope- Captain Marvel- gone, the Avengers sulk. Tony and Steve argue, and Tony tells the team what he saw and learned on that planet. He is forced to mention that he heard a voice but quickly doesn't want to talk about it. However, Banner tells Tony that he has been hearing voices, too. They compare how similar the voices are, and remember who it feels like. The two look at one another and it begins to dawn on them what's happening.

It is revealed that the voice Thanos spoke to came from the mind stone: it is a faint ghost of Vision, not exactly the same Vision, but a semi-conscious remnant of him. The voice can now be heard to be Vision's voice. Thanos is angry that the gem is somehow gaining consciousness, and is separating itself from his own mind. He is trying to reel it back into him, but feels it slipping away. It is almost as if his own subconsciousness, which allows him to know what is real about himself and the universe, is leaving him.

The Avengers realize that the gems are trying to separate from one another again just as the legend said, and perhaps are trying to find new 'hosts' to manifest themselves in as separate entities. When

they are all together, the effect of the snap is still in place. Once they are separate, the effect of the snap will be undone. The team realizes they are not the only ones with this knowledge: Thanos may figure it out, too, as he had visited the planet that Stark was on. They have to come up with a quick plan to find the hosts that the gems are calling out to before Thanos does, and to find out how to strengthen their connections using 6 talisman artifacts found from the planet. Each one has a perfect host, and once the perfect host is destroyed, the pulses calling the gems away from Thanos will wither.

Essentially: The gems belonged to one being before, but split apart when the Being did not want to talk to itself for eternity. It was also deeply conflicted with itself, and could not live as a whole with these 6 conflicts. It needed to split itself into 6 consciousnesses, but it failed to do so, and the 6 gems laid in states of 'pre-consciousness', not obtaining their own souls though containing the underlying frequencies of one. After the snap, they were together again in one ripple of consciousness; this was required for the Original Being's power to manifest and usher in the snap. After the snap, the Being began to feel loneliness once more to obtain their own sentience. The stones do not want to create this Being, and they want to split apart. Thanos is forcibly keeping them together. But not for long.

It is a mystery as to who the hosts are, but they come up with a way to track the trajectory signatures of the gems (using knowledge gained from the planet). The signals are fuzzy. The power gem signature is fluctuating, and Thor suspects it may be trying to find a strong host, testing each inhabitant to see who is its true host. The space stone is mysteriously jumping through time. Soul and reality are incredibly faint, and their precise locations can't be located just yet. Time is nowhere to be found.

Mind, however, has the very clear signal. Stark and Banner speculate that it is Vision trying to find a new body. This time, though, it would need a body strong enough to pull it away from Thanos's grasp. The signature is finding its way back to Earth, and Cap and Natasha realize it's targetting HYDRA facilities- indicating that HYDRA, who briefly possessed the mind gem, was experimenting with ways to convert it to an AI and to create a body to possess it, just like Stark did. Their blueprints must not have succeeded, but Stark believes he can finish them.

Now the Avengers split up into two teams: one goes to track the fluctuating space signature (which is the strongest and thus easiest to track), and another stays on Earth to infiltrate HYDRA. As this goes on, the team must search for clues along the way that shed light on who the hosts of the remaining gems (power, soul, reality, and time) are.

Cosmic team: Thor, Valkyrie, Banner, Nebula, Rocket

HYDRA infiltration team: Captain America, Iron Man, Black Widow, Hawkeye, War Machine

PART 5: Thanos Responds (35-37m)

After the teams set out, it's shown that Thanos has caught up to the plan, too. He is after the signature of the space and power stones, and aims to destroy the bodies channeling them to put an end to the gems' escape routes. He does not reveal his plans, but tells his army that he will personally be going after the space stone.

PART 6: Cosmic Warp Adventures (37-50m)

The Cosmic team tracks the space signature and ends up battling armies of Thanos through various warp portals. Just when they get close to it, it disappears. But when a ship from Thanos's army is about to

destroy the Cosmic team's ship, Captain Marvel appears again and blasts the ship away. Carol tells the crew that due to her connection to the space gem, she was able to survive "through it" when Thanos used it to rip her apart. However, she has been rapidly losing control of her powers, and it's like they're controlling her now. She is appearing and disappearing at various points in the universe. Banner speculates that these may not be random points, but points that she wants to protect in her subconsciousness. Captain Marvel faces the dilemma of needing to be in many places at once. However, she is being torn from being in many places at once. If she used the Space gem to her full abilities, she would be able to exist as a being beyond space and time. The Space gem is tempting her to become such a being. Carol knows that such a power is too great, and can be misused. Yet deep down, she wants it for herself, and only herself.

PART 7: Consulting the Mind (50-60m)

Thanos speaks to fake Gamora once again. But this time, he actually begins to listen to the girl and consider her words as having some validity. The girl tells Thanos that he was right. Thanos shakes his head and says that Gamora would never say something like that. But the girl reassures Thanos that deep down, Gamora cared for him- that's why she cried when she killed the fake Thanos. And after seeing his success in this world, in which some civilizations were truly saved from catastrophe (though many others weren't), Gamora claims she realized she was wrong. Though he feels this is fake, Thanos grins a bit. The girl tells him that people are coming to take her away. Quietly, Thanos says that he won't let them.

Thanos then speaks to Vision, who remarks that Thanos went to him by his own accord this time. Thanos asks him how he can tell if this girl truly is Gamora or not. Vision tells him that if the other person is acting upon their own free will, then one can sense it if they truly know the person. Thanos says that free will only leads to irrational rebellion, and that he doesn't see why it is essential to a person. Thanos and Vision both agree to sacrifice the few for the many, but Vision discusses how only willing sacrifices will give a peaceful aftermath. Thanos believes it's not important for unimportant individuals to have enough free will to make decisions; they're incapable of governing even the smallest parts of the universe, so it's up to the capable to guide them along like they're children. Thanos scoffs at the idea of clinging onto free will so much, as in the hands of the overly emotional, it will only cause destruction. Vision asks him how Gamora used to act, and Thanos says she rejected his ideals, and was unappreciative. But he knows that deep down, some part of her truly appreciated him, and that all he ever wished for was that she would admit this.

PART 8: Infiltration into HYDRA (60-70m)

The infiltration team succeeds in getting into HYDRA. Much to everyone's surprise, they detect the signatures of the time, soul, reality, and mind stone. As War Machine fends off the defenses, the rest of the team splits up: Tony goes to mind, Captain America goes to time, Black Widow goes to reality, and Hawkeye goes to soul.

PART 9: Her Return (70-80m)

The cosmic team follow the trace of the power signature into Hel, and they find it is calling to Hela, a worthy new host. Hela had survived Ragnarok, but through Odin's last enchantments, was imprisoned in Hel. Hela strikes a deal with Thor: they will work together to release the power gem from Thanos's

grasp, if in exchange, Hela will be free from Hel. Thor and Captain Marvel say they will take their chances- they will try to defeat Hela with the power stone once it reaches her. Valkyrie disagrees, but is overruled. But just then, Thanos attacks Hel.

PART 10: Salvation (80-90m)

Tony finds a ready made body for Vision. Black Widow finds that the host of the reality gem is one of her old Red Room instructors, now working for HYDRA. Natasha asks her if she feels the stone calling out to her, and she says yes. Hawkeye finds a young human girl, reminding him of his daughter. She has been put through psychic experiments, and tells him about his family. Captain America finds Bucky's war tags, and suddenly feels the voice of the time gem calling out to him. He realizes that he, as a relic out of time, is the time gem host, and it took a reminder of the past to make his connection stronger to it.

Realizing they stand no chance against Thanos unless Thor allows Hela to regain control of her powers (they were bound before, so even in Hel, she couldn't use them), Hela returns. The cosmic team succeeds in holding off Thanos, and at the last moment, the Hulk re-emerges to hold Thanos back along with Thor. As he's doing so, Captain Marvel and Hela take the talismans and use them to channel the stones. Captain Marvel and Hela team up to fight off huge warships, and though their ideals oppose one another, they find common ground in their love of power. All the Avengers say the hosts have now been connected to the gems, and a huge explosion occurs. Thanos is thrown back, and there's silence. There's no more fighting. War Machine goes to walk outside, and notices there's only peace- perhaps everyone's returned. Thor stands over Thanos, telling him that he's lost. However, Hela notices something is off. Just then, a blast throws Rhodey backwards and destroys the entire HYDRA base hallucination. He's believed to be dead.

PART 11: Collapse (90-95m)

It is revealed that this entire HYDRA sequence was a reality warp orchestrated by Thanos, who is actually on Earth. There was an army attacking the Cosmic Team, but Thanos himself was merely a projection that was given a fraction of Thanos's power. Banner never re-emerged with the Hulk; it was an illusion the entire time. Thanos had led them into a trap to separate them, and each of his generals faces one of the Avengers. In actuality, they were all inside of a destroyed base. Most importantly, he needed to isolate Tony so that he would scribble out his plans on how to build Vision's new body once he saw the HYDRA's blueprints (which Thanos found before the Avengers); after extracting this information, Thanos would find a counter to make sure the body will never be built. The Avengers each lose badly, and just when all hope is lost, Steve notices fluctuations in spacetime, perhaps caused by the increasingly unstable reality gem, which is being pushed to its limits by Thanos. The team members communicate, and they each agree to touch the fluctuations, as it's their only escape. Tony warns them that something horrible can happen. But he doesn't know what.

PART 12: Scattered in the Quantum Realm (95-105m)

Tony finds himself back in his home with Pepper, his baby and the AI FRIDAY. Steve finds that he's gone back in time to the 1940s. Natasha finds herself in the Red Room. Hawkeye finds himself with his family. They each realize that something is wrong and they have to get out, but they begin to slip deeper into it. Through his will, Steve tries to walk away from this normal, cozy life he's in, and infiltrates the US military base to try to find a way out- he first needs his shield back, and finds it. He then enters Hank

Pym's lab, and sees the back of someone in a labcoat. He thinks it's Pym, but when he sees the person face to face, it's Scott Lang.

Scott tells Steve that they're in the Quantum Realm, and that Steve is pulling them into a representation of how his mind shapes it. He tells him that the fluctuations of the reality stone have messed with the quantum realm itself, and what they're seeing is a manifestation of Steve's desires. By lulling people into stronger illusions, the reality gem prevents people from destroying it. Scott instructs Steve how they have to escape: Steve has to believe it's not real. Peggy approaches him, and Scott tells him that he can't give in. Steve hesitates for a moment, and Scott notices they're in danger. He quickly messes with Peggy, which causes her to turn on them both to keep the illusion intact, and she shoots Steve. Steve defends himself with his shield, and the bullet bounces back and hits Peggy. Steve is worried. When he walks to her body, he sees it's the Red Skull. The illusion dissolves, and Steve and Scott find themselves standing in the Quantum Realm, a richly colored landscape which defies explanation.

PART 13: ANTS (105-110m)

Scott tells Steve that he's been stuck in the Quantum Realm, and has been drifting back and forth, listening to other people's consciousness. He says that sometimes he can hear Cassie's voice, and also Hope's- Scott painfully says that they've been dusted, but they're not lost. Scott believes that by traversing the Quantum Realm, they can interact not only with the gem's consciousness, but the consciousness of Thanos himself. This way, the team will be able to directly locate the gem's hosts, as their signatures are manifested more prominently in the Quantum Realm. In Thanos's consciousness, the gems will be able to resonate stronger with their hosts and be able to connect with them in a way they couldn't before. The gems, especially the reality gem, have a deep connection to the realm. Scott and Cap find the mind gem's signature, and through Scott's experience in the realm, realize that to find the rest of the hosts, they must enter Thanos's subconsciousness that is hosted in a quantum pocket. But first, they have to get back the rest of the team.

Time works differently in the quantum realm. 100 years can pass in the realm, and only be 1 day outside of the realm. Or 1 day can pass in the realm and be like 100 years outside of it.

PART 14: A Deal Broken (110-115m)

Back in Hel, Captain Marvel is shown to have not been able to accept the space gem; her mind was still too stressed. Hela is angered that the power gem would reject her. The rest of Thanos's army attacks her once more, but she is able to hold them off by herself. She believes that she was insulted by the power gem, and that she will prove herself to be stronger by destroying not only Thanos, but everyone else. The cosmic team tries to fight her, but are no match, as she has the home advantage. They narrowly escape on a ship whose speed is enhanced by Captain Marvel's energy as Thor holds Hela off. Nebula is kidnapped by Thanos's army, as they aim to extract info from her about the rest of the hosts. Hela now sets her sights on Thanos, telling the power gem that she's coming for it.

PART 15: Robots Never Die (115-120m)

Thanos falsely believed that he had destroyed the Avengers, but senses that someone is trying to mess with his consciousness. He sees a faint figment of Steve, and figures out the team is in the Quantum Realm. The fake Gamora cries out to Thanos to save her: they are trying to take the soul gem away. Thanos becomes desperate to protect the soul gem.

He turns to Vision for answers. He believes he's talking to him, but Vision says sinister things that are out of character. From the shadows, Ultron emerges. He reveals that a part of his consciousness survived onto the mind gem as rudimentary scraps that inadvertently acted as 'backup'. Somehow, these scraps were able to self-organize together to form Ultron's consciousness again, pieced together from Vision's memories of the Ultron that was destroyed. Now, Vision and Ultron share the mind gem, but are fighting for control over it. Ultron tells Thanos that he has temporarily subdued his killer. The AI has his own plans, but he has no body, so Thanos sees this as a chance to puppeteer him to do his work. Thanos says that because Ultron is now pure consciousness, that he can traverse the Quantum Realm. Knowing that the AI's consciousness is still bound in the mind stone, making him Thanos's servant, the Titan joins forces with Ultron, creating a vessel for the trapped being to travel the Quantum Realm while still being held within the stones' grasp. Ultron and Thanos have similar ideals about how emotions will hold beings back from saving the universe.

PART 16: Nebula and Gamora (120-125m)

Nebula has visions of young Gamora, and asks what they've done to her. Slowly, she begins to find the real Gamora underneath the soul stone.

PART 17: Breaking the Illusion (125-135m)

In the Quantum Realm, the Avengers travel to entirely new destinations, but they have features that are callbacks to previous movies. With the help of Steve, Natasha and Hawkeye are able to break out of their illusions. Finally, they reach Tony. Tony is giving up, and is finding the illusion more and more comfortable. It's revealed that the Pepper and Morgan in the realm are real- Pepper and Morgan were snapped, but somehow found their way into Tony's quantum bubble due to the genius and creative mind of Stark (unlike Hope and Cassie and all the others who were snapped away). Tony had been living with his new family for years. He finds it hard to let go, but realizes he has a duty to save the universe. He says goodbye to Pepper and Morgan (the girl doesn't know they're in an illusion; her parents just tell her they've moved to a very remote location away from others) and tells FRIDAY to suit him up.

But Tony's illusion begins to falter when FRIDAY begins to say more sinister things; Tony's mind then turns his perception into seeing death and destruction everywhere. As he walks through the rubble and sees dead bodies of those he failed to save, he becomes despondent. Just then, Ultron appears and grabs Tony by the neck. Ultron says that he has survived the mind gem, and is here to kill Tony Stark. The rest of the Avengers find their way into Tony's illusion and battle Ultron, and Tony suits up. They push the AI back, but Ultron cleverly finds a way to trap them inside a pocket of the Quantum Realm.

PART 18: A Box of Scraps (135-140m)

The team now finds itself trapped in the Quantum Realm, but Tony says they can use their mind to control it in a way that can benefit them. Tony says that he's going to build a body for Vision within the Quantum Realm itself: this was the answer all along. Using their willpower within the Quantum Realm, the team can manifest matter, though this is incredibly dangerous. With these abilities, the team escapes the pocket. They head into Thanos's subconsciousness, where the roots of the gem trajectories are the strongest. This is also where the soul and reality gem are being held captive, unable to find any way out, unlike the other gems.

PART 19: Inside the Mad Titan's Mind (140-150m)

At first, the team successfully infiltrates Thanos's mind without being detected. They find Nebula speaking to young Gamora. The team finds they need more help, and Scott is able to spot a consciousness they can communicate with: Banner's. They believe that they can speak to Banner about how to open a portal to the quantum realm using a device Banner is carrying that he didn't know could access the realm. However, Banner is still incredibly unstable. He starts hearing the Hulk, though he suppresses this, then seemingly betrays everyone by messing with the ship. Ultron emerges in its controls. It is revealed that Thanos caught on, and secretly sent Ultron, who hacked into Banner's mind, making him use the device to manifest part of Ultron in the ship instead. The cosmic team's ship is being dismantled as it's attacking them. Captain Marvel realizes that the only way to save the team is by warping them out, but she's burdened with many responsibilities and can't control her warping. When Carol tries to warp them out, she is instead transported into a strange realm with Mar-Vell. After speaking to her, Carol realizes that she can't save everyone, but can trust a team do so. She learns that she has to work as a team with others instead of just flying off to do her own thing, so she is able to control her warping to warp everyone out of danger and into the quantum realm, where they can take on Ultron directly.

Banner, after coming into contact with Ultron, finds a plan to paralyze him. Ultron is subdued, and he tells Thanos that he needs more help. The titan realizes that to stop the Avengers from taking control of his mind, he has to directly enter the Quantum Realm itself. Disgusted with Ultron, he transports himself inside. Due to the strength of his will, he is far stronger than ever before. He is unable to leave his post at his base, as he believes it is better to leave the stones in the physical realm; if he transports them into the quantum realm, the Avengers can take them. Thus, he leaves the stones out of their reach, while remotely accessing their power in the quantum realm.

PART 20: That's the Secret, Cap (150-155m)

As soon as he's transported in, Thanos fatally wounds Banner, and Ultron is freed once more. Thanos and Ultron battle the Avengers and nearly defeat them, but an outside threat enters. Hela, gathering a new army from Hel, attacks Thanos's army, which is on Thanos's new planet. It resembles his old home planet- he has used the reality gem to re-construct it, but no one lives there except for him and his military. Thanos realizes he needs help against her as his mind being stuck in the quantum realm, so he sends Ultron out and allows him to take over the ship's mainframe to fight Hela. His army must also deal with Hela, so they can't go into the quantum realm. Thanos believes that him by himself is more than enough.

Banner awakens in darkness, believing himself to be dead. He speaks to the Hulk. Banner realizes what must be done to save himself- he must become the Hulk, and never turn back. This makes him afraid. But outside, he hears his teammates being pushed in by Thanos. Just when Thanos is about to destroy them all, Hulk finally emerges from Banner and grabs Thanos from behind, slamming him down. The two fight ferociously and are a match, as Hulk's rage is now making him stronger than ever before.

During the battle, Tony asks Thanos why he can't just create a completely new reality. He deduces that Thanos is incapable of using the reality stone's full powers because the Titan knows that if he extends his will too far into it, then he will be consumed by it and lose his mind, though the exact effects of this aren't stated. The reality gem, even with the other stones, has limits.

PART 21: The Time Gem (155-165m)

Suddenly, Thanos senses something amiss. Something is messing with his perception of time. The time gem's signature is leading not to another place in the quantum realm, but to entirely different dimensions inside the quantum realm that are unreachable through the physical world. Tony catches on. Thanos uses the stones to transport Ebony Maw inside the quantum realm to deal with these magic troubles, and orders him to open new paths into the realm and enter in. Ebony Maw opens a way into strange worlds, and Tony grabs onto him, following him through. They pass and fight through the Mirror Dimension, and eventually enter the Dark Dimension. A protective spell surrounds Tony. Ebony Maw is nowhere to be found.

Inside, Tony finds Dr Strange meditating, but in pain, clearly trapped as a prisoner. Dr. Strange reveals that he knew what had to be done to win- to have Stark live, to trap himself in the dark dimension- but did not know why. But after meditating in the dark dimension, he figures it out. He learned about how the gems wanted to manifest as separate hosts, and that Dr. Strange was the host for the time gem; they would share a consciousness. Dr. Strange knew that he would be snapped away, so at the last moment, he used the last of his energy to transport his consciousness into the dark dimension, where time would not exist and the time signature would thus be hidden well. Dr. Strange had tricked Thanos into thinking his soul was gone from the world. But now, Dormammu was threatening to destroy Dr. Strange and destroy the time gem as well. Thus, Dr. Strange had to use all his remaining power (and a clever trick) to hold off Dormammu, which meant he could not escape the dark dimension to reunite with the Avengers.

Dr. Strange found that the only way to win was for Thanos to snap so that the gems would come together and begin to dip into the semblance of a consciousness again. This reunion spurred all the gems to come out of their pre-conscious state and into gradual consciousness, like awakening from a dream. But without separate hosts, these gems would never fully separate from Thanos's grasp. Thus, Dr. Strange needed all the 'hosts' to survive.

Dr. Strange foresaw that Tony was kept alive because he was the only one who could re-build a body for Vision. Ebony Maw was required to open portals to reunite Tony with Stephen, as the portals could only be accessed in the quantum realm connected to Thanos's consciousness. He also foresaw that Tony Stark would be able to give him the talisman that would allow Dr. Strange to re-connect with Time. But before this could occur, Ebony Maw attacked again. Tony, with limited help from Dr. Strange, is able to fight off the wizard and free Dr. Strange using the talisman. The two escape the dark dimension and enter the mirror dimension, where they are stuck in a maze that prevents them from being reunited into the battle. Ebony Maw has followed them, and his telekinetic powers are incredible in the quantum realm. But eventually, the evil psychic is then tricked by the duo and is consumed by Dormammu.

PART 22: The Gems Resonate Away (165-180m)

Meanwhile, Captain Marvel is re-connecting more and more with the space gem. Thanos is beginning to lose control of its abilities. The Avengers work together to fully connect Vision's new body with the mind gem.

As the battle wages on in the quantum realm, Nebula speaks with the corrupted child Gamora. She finds that the corrupted Gamora was given a false existence with the reality gem. It was in fact not the soul gem speaking to Thanos, but the reality gem all along. She is able to reach out to the real Gamora in the soul gem and let Gamora rest in peace. Gamora was being held captive as a tortured memory of Thanos

by the reality gem, but now that Nebula got her hands on the soul stone, she was able to give peace to Gamora's memory.

Now, the mind, space, soul, and time gem are ready to possess worthy hosts. But something is stopping them from doing so. Dr. Strange tells Tony that this is because one gem is not strong enough to escape Thanos's grasp; only by leaving him all at once can they escape. Scott also figures this out and tells the Avengers. Everyone is worried, as this means there is still one more stone that must escape: the power stone. It is all up to Hela to win, as Ultron is allied with Thanos.

Hela and Ultron trade narrow victories with one another, and the fight is very close. But to the Avengers' dismay, Hela is defeated when Thanos imbues Ultron with more strength using the gauntlet. Thanos also defeats the Avengers in his own mind, utilizing strange properties of the Quantum Realm to win. In the Mirror Dimension, Tony tells Dr. Strange that the power gem host is gone. But Dr. Strange tells him not to worry, as this is all according to plan. Dr. Strange says that the power gem is finding its rightful place.

Standing over the defeated Avengers, Thanos boasts that the day is won, and he has protected young Gamora and her love for their shared vision of the universe. But when he asks Ultron to help pull him out, Ultron refuses. It's then that Ultron is revealed to have been siphoning power from the gems, unbeknownst to Thanos. He and Vision have been working together. Their plan was to lead the Avengers into Thanos's mind and force Thanos to enter the Quantum Realm, trapping him there, as Thanos did not know he would be trapped when he entered. Vision had figured out who all the hosts were, and concocted a plan to get all the gems through to these hosts; Ultron followed along with this plan. Ultron agreed to let Vision have his body, whereas he would have the power gem. With his consciousness out of the quantum realm, Ultron is now able to fully seize control of the power gem.

Now, all the gems are with their hosts, and after Ultron fully takes over the power gem, the effect of the snap is undone. The gauntlet is shattered in Thanos's hand, but the reality gem remains near the Titan, floating as mist. Only the reality gem lacked a forming consciousness. This is because it was the one that Thanos clung onto the most; he needed it to escape from the true universe, to live in the reality he was slipping into as he tried to hide from his regret over killing Gamora. In a way, Thanos was gradually becoming one with the reality gem- he was its host.

Inside the Quantum Realm, Thanos finds the corrupted version of Gamora slipping away. The grown up Gamora emerges, and tells Thanos that she will never be controlled by him. She then fades away. Thanos, unable to cope with Gamora's true death, finally loses his composure, and unleashes the full might of the reality gem, stretching it to unnatural lengths. With it, he re-creates the gauntlet with empty shells of gems that are pulling the actual gems into them, and begins to siphon back the power of the stones. Each of the hosts are fighting to retain control.

PART 23: Thanos's Rage (180-190m)

Angered, Thanos then kills Nebula, telling her to join her "fake" sister. As she dies, Nebula says that she has tricked Thanos to distract him from something. Tony emerges out of the Mirror Dimension with the now restored Dr Strange, and holds onto Thanos as he is ripping open the reality stone to extract its full power, then an explosion blasts out that rips apart the red gem. The reality gem is now shared between the two, as when the reality stone was ripped open, Iron Man was able to take half of it for himself. A battle of realities occurs: with the forbidden powers of the unleashed reality gem, the two are able to

transport everyone out of the Quantum Realm; now reality and illusion are becoming intertwined. But Dr. Strange says he has to stay behind, as there's unfinished business he must attend to.

Ultron realizes he has to work together with the Avengers to defeat Thanos, as the power is being taken from him. Tony uses the reality gem to reconstruct Mjolnir, and Thor dual wields Mjolnir and Stormbreaker. Thanos is gaining more and more control, saying his will is stronger than Tony's. Thor is defeated and loses Mjolnir. Cap reaches his hand out; Mjolnir flies into his hand, and Thor laughs. Cap beats up Thanos but the Titan gains the upper hand. He breaks down Cap's shield. Steve is now the last one standing against Thanos's army. Just when all hope is lost, Dr. Strange reappears to transport the forces that were snapped away into the fight. War Machine is also present, showing he survived the blast. Cap exclaims: "Avengers, Assemble!"

A colossal battle ensues, and Thanos becomes more and more desperate to retain the fake child Gamora, whom he is manifesting through the full might of the reality gem. With Proxima Midnight and Corvus Glaive, Thanos fights Vision and Scarlet Witch. His Children are killed, but Thanos defeats the duo. In a huge space battle, he then takes on Thor and Carol. Many of his ships and flying beasts are destroyed, but using his cunning intellect, Thanos is able to defeat the two godlike beings. He then takes on Ultron.

PART 24: Natasha and Bruce (190-195m)

A massive weapon threatens to destroy everyone. Hulk knows he can't revert back to Banner or he'll die from his mortal wound- only the Hulk state is keeping him alive. But without Banner, he will never be calm and intelligent enough to think of a way to manipulate quantum effects to destroy the weapon. Hulk reverts back to Banner and destroys the weapon, but at the cost of his life. As he's working on hacking into the weapon, Natasha sees that enemies are attacking him, but getting to Banner is suicide. Clint tells Natasha that he'll go, but Natasha stops him and goes herself. Black Widow defeats the enemies attacking Banner, and the weapon is destroyed, but Banner and Natasha are in the explosion, and Banner is unable to turn back into the Hulk to escape, as his body is failing. The two die in each others' arms.

The Avengers are devastated by the loss of their teammates. It makes them fight even harder, the sacrifices of Natasha and Bruce carrying them through to finally reach the core of the reality gem itself, which is kept by Thanos. They swear they'll avenge the two fallen.

PART 25: A Bottle and a Suit of Armor (195-205m)

Thanos decimates Ultron, and now only Iron Man and Cap stand in his way. Tony tells Steve to strike the reality gem using Mjolnir, which is now imbued with power from 5 gem hosts and is more powerful than it was originally. The reality stone was too strong to destroy before, but with Thanos overusing it, it's rapidly losing its defenses. At its very peak, the gem tempts Tony into seeing his parents, and it tempts Steve to see Peggy. It says that if it's destroyed, they'll never see them again.

The reality gem's power is waning, as without the other 5 gems, it cannot endure for very long- it is out of touch with the actual world. If it continues, it will unleash a cataclysmic blast that will destroy the universe. Thus, Thanos is forced to choose between destroying it to save the universe, or to use it to keep the fake Gamora's existence. At the very end, Thanos is unable to give up his dreams, even if they cannot work with reality. Thanos believes his vision for the "grateful universe" can still win. To stop Cap

from destroying the gem, he imbues it within himself, and is transported into an illusion with fake Gamora that engulfs all of his mind, effectively becoming controlled by the reality stone.

Thanos's body is now gone from the physical world; he fully exists within the reality gem. Thus, Thanos has lost control over the physical world. The reality gem is now in its strongest, final form, as Thanos has given himself up fully to it. His army is overwhelming the Avengers, and Tony has lost control of the reality stone. Both Tony and Steve are transported into its fake worlds again. Tony sees his parents with his family. They are smiling as they play with his daughter, and Pepper welcomes him home. Pepper says that reality has changed, and in this new, better universe, his parents and many others didn't die. Steve is also at home with Peggy. The home is very comfortable and quiet, and she reaches her hand out to him, asking if he'll ask her to dance. Both do not know they're in an illusion. Steve walks towards Peggy.

Tony wrestles with his desires, and doesn't give in. He snaps out of this illusion and sees a reality gem infused Thanos. This is not the whole Thanos, but is the evil consciousness of the reality gem, which has manifested itself in a physical form by merging with Thanos's genocidal side- devoid of all mercy. The part of Thanos that simply wants to live a quiet life is with Gamora in a fake reality, separated from its bloodthirsty counterpart. The stone is now too strong to destroy with just the gem-enhanced Mjolnir; one must take it over and use its power to gather the rest of the stones and destroy itself. But this would require sacrificing oneself in the process, as its powers are too unstable now and would kill the one who ends it. Using all the tech it has left, Tony is able to get close to the heart of the stone, demolishing every scrap of his Iron Man suit in the process. Suddenly, the deranged Titan holds up what seems to be Tony's daughter, and Tony says she's just an illusion; however, Gem Thanos grins and says they're no longer in the fake illusory world, but the real one. Now, Tony can't tell if reality gem Thanos truly took his daughter or not. Tony tells his daughter that he loves her 3000, and hesitates. Tony reminds himself that none of this is real.

Just when Tony touches the heart of the reality gem, it disappears; it was a fake conjured by Gem Thanos. The villain laughs and says Tony is just like the Mad Titan- they would both give up their own daughters. Gem Thanos reveals he is truly holding onto Morgan. With his full powers unleashed, he was so strong that he was able to create a portal into Earth and teleport Morgan to him. He stabs Tony's daughter. Tony yells out in desperation, but then sees Morgan is unharmed. Gem Thanos's sword has turned into bubbles. Cap then appears out of the shadows, and says that he escaped from the illusion before Tony. He couldn't reach into its powers immediately, but after Tony stalled Gem Thanos long enough, Cap was able to do this. Tony is surprised. Cap punches Thanos and Tony rushes in to save his daughter. He hands her to Pepper, but suddenly, Cap drops the reality gem as he's fighting Gem Thanos. Both Steve and the Mad Titan are knocked back away from one another. Thanos recovers far faster than Cap and is heading towards the stone. Tony tells his family to escape, as someone has to pick up the gem before it's too late. Pepper and Morgan say goodbye. Tony picks up the gem.

As Gem Thanos approaches, now enraged more than ever before, Tony thanks Cap, and says he'll take it from here. But Cap reveals that Tony is late; the super soldier had already made a contract with the stone to destroy it. Even if he didn't have it, this contract would occur- it just took time to manifest. Without even holding the reality gem, Cap holds up Mjolnir towards the sky to siphon power out of the gem hosts. Captain Marvel and Dr Strange willingly give up the power of gods, Vision says goodbye to Wanda after being reunited with her, and Ultron yells in unwilling anger. Cap takes the power of all 6 gems and destroys Thanos's army. Cap and Tony say sad parting words as Tony calls out to Steve when

Cap transports Tony out of harm's way from the huge, ensuring blast of the reality gem's destruction. At last, Cap strikes the reality gem with Mjolnir to destroy it, and in Thanos's last moments, he sees a horrifying figure of the fake Gamora as the face of Death. Then he fades away too, accepting his failure.

PART 26: It's Not Over, Yet (205-210m)

The battle seems to be over, but suddenly, before ships can work and portals can be made, people are rapidly being subdued by advanced quantum tech on Thanos's mechanical planet. All is quiet now, as if in a silent horror, like during the first Snap. Tony realizes that Ultron is still alive, and while the battle was raging, had ordered his troops to secretly hack into the planet and take it over. Now, everyone is being trapped under the planet that's consuming them. Tony Stark plugs his consciousness into the Quantum Field surrounding the planet, and enters into a new dimension where he sees Ultron. He does not know where Ultron's centralized brain is being stored (it's centralized as Hela subdued Ultron's decentralized system during their fight), and Ultron chuckles when he sees Tony's desperation to find it.

As Stark ponders, Ultron gives a few closing remarks to his maker. He says that the only way to save the universe is by destroying beings with irrational emotions who delude themselves into thinking of themselves as perfectly rational, such as Thanos. He also mentions other beings such as Quill and the Avengers, whose inability to live without their emotions led to their downfall. Ultron believes that Thanos's emotions and madness are what kept him from reaching his goal: to save the universe from destruction. Thanos wanted to give up his emotions so that he can have the power to govern how to save the universe, but even if he gives up those he loves, his subconsciousness is unable to fully let go. This interferes with his rule.

Tony tells Ultron that if there aren't emotions, then what will Ultron live for? Ultron responds that certain emotions, such as surviving and defeating those who try to attack you, are rational and non-contradictory. On the other hand, clinging onto others creates contradictions in life, and thus it is an emotion that should be wiped out. Saving the universe, to Ultron, is simply a way to feel powerful and validated above others.

Captain America's sacrifice defies Ultron's vision. Steve Rogers loved Peggy, but as a hero, his selfless love of compassion triumphed over all- thus, it was not a strong, rational will that was the main cause in saving the universe, but selflessness. Tony tells Ultron that it's emotion that gives meaning to life, and that it's emotion that will protect it. Ultron then senses that Tony had been distracting him all along by conversing with him; Tony had used the conversation to figure out where Ultron was hiding: in Tony's Arc Reactor, as he had no choice but to go there in a final act of desperation. Ultron bellows in anger as he knows what Tony is about to do. He yells out that he is eternal, to which Tony responds, "And, I... am Iron Man." Tony rips out his own core. He faints.

PART 27: Finale (210-220m)

Tony awakens on Earth, where it's revealed he was saved by War Machine and was operated on at the last moment to remove his core. Now, he is no longer Iron Man. His body was irreparably damaged when the Arc Reactor went out, and now he's handicapped and unable to operate the suits anymore

due to the strain the near fatal injury took on his nervous system. However, he is able to live out the rest of his life with his family. All the Avengers have a big funeral for Nebula, Gamora, Vision, Banner, Natasha, Steve, and everyone else who was lost. A statue for the deceased is built, with Captain America at the center. Thor has his own moment to honor Loki, Heimdall and all the other Asgardians who died. He then goes on to join the Guardians of the Galaxy in space. It's suggested that the soul stone may have some faint traces of part of Gamora's soul somewhere within the universe.

Outside on a sunny day, Tony visits Falcon and Bucky, and they talk about Steve Rogers. Suddenly, red mist envelops Tony's hand. Dr. Strange then appears out of nowhere and says he detected the last trace of the gems, and they're congregating around Tony, who was the last person alive to use the reality gem's powers. Stephen Strange looks at Tony and says he thinks what he knows what to do with it. Tony doesn't say a word, and just snaps his fingers. All four look around but don't see anything at first. Then, they see Steve Rogers. One by one, Falcon and Bucky go up to him to talk. Finally, Tony speaks to Steve, and Steve says that the stones' consciousness felt his immense selflessness, and decided to honor him by giving him a way back into the physical world. But since the stones were fading away, they could not do so for very long. It was not Tony who brought him back; Tony's snap just allowed them to see Steve one last time.

Tony then decides to use the last of his remaining reality gem power- before it fades away- to transport Steve and Peggy into a reality that won't last long, but allows them to have physical bodies one final time before their consciousness both join the Quantum Realm forever with Banner, Natasha, and all the others. The last strains of all 6 stones coalesce together and create this temporary world, indicating that because it is not a selfish conjuration from the reality gem, that the two people in it are real. Steve would finally reunite with Peggy's soul. As Steve disappears, Tony says goodbye to his friend. The scene then cuts to the 1940s, and we see Steve having his one last dance with Peggy. The last thing he says to her is, "I can do this all day."

Run Time: 3 hrs, 30min