

When writing nonfiction, many authors adjust timelines, leave out important details, or flat out change happenings.

After reading the Autobiography of Malcolm X as told to Alex Haley and watching Malcolm X: Make it Plain, are there any instances in Malcolm's life that were adjusted to show Malcolm in a better light?

In a 500 word essay, describe which instances in Malcolm's autobiography were different from the ones shown in the documentary.

Be sure to:

- Identify & describe, at least, three examples
- Describe how these examples changed how the readers would view Malcolm
- Use proper MLA format

FINDING DETAILS

I find interesting details that are <u>related</u> and that stand out to me from reading the text closely.

Detail 1 (Ref.: Pg 274

The reporters would try to get Malcolm to speak harshly about other prominent civil rights leaders and activists (particularly D. Martin Luther King). Malcolm believed that one of the white man's tricks was to create division in the Negro race to let the African-Americans destroy themselves.

Detail 2 (Ref.: Pg 307) "The question-and-answer period opened, I suppose inevitably, with someone asking me... 'What is your opinion?'"

Detail 3 (Ref.:Pg. 360)
"Our disagreement had been in terms of political direction..."

CONNECTING THE DETAILS

I re-read and think about the details, and <u>explain</u> the connections I find among them.

What I think about detail 1: Malcolm did talk out against other civil rights leaders that supported integration.

What I think about detail 2: Malcolm is acting like he didn't have control over the situation. What I think about detail 3: Malcolm publicly denounced Elijah Muhammad.

How I connect the details:

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Name Darth Vader

Text Malcolm X: Make it Plain

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Detail 1 (Ref.: 1:11:24) Talking against MLK.	THE RESERVE THE PROPERTY OF TH	Detail 3 (Ref.: 1:44:50) Malcolm publicly discussed Elijah Muhammad's infidelities.

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book	media's questions about JFK	book
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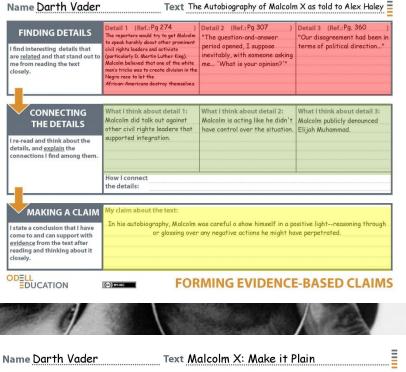


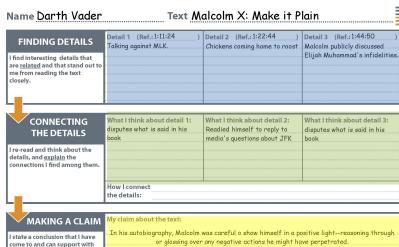
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Introduction

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 - B. The documentary shows another
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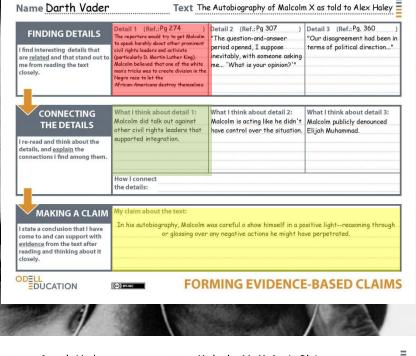


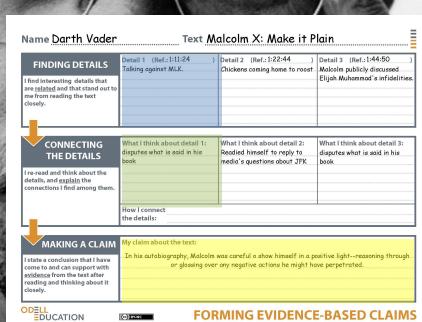
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evidence from the text after reading and thinking about it

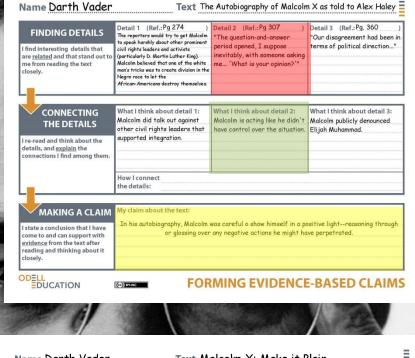
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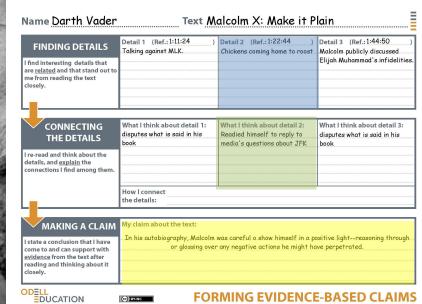
- II. Malcolm stated that he resisted reporters attempts to talk about other civil rights leaders
 - A. Tried to split groups against each other
 - B. Especially wanted Malcom to talk about MLK
 - C. Stated that Dr. King was wrong
 - D. Malcolm was very impuls
 - E. Was never shy to say what he believed
 - F. Has even called MLK "The Reverend Chicken Wing" and a "Uncle Tom"



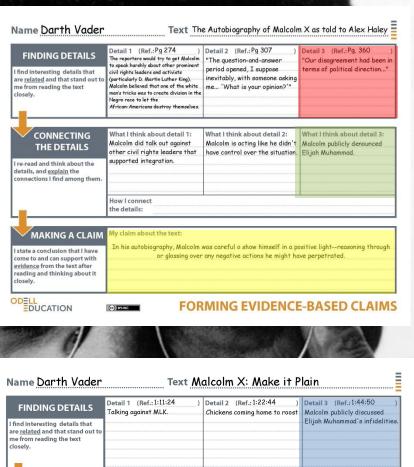


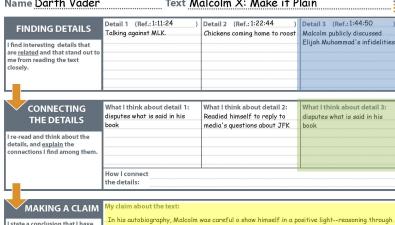
- III. Malcolm stated that he was caught off guard and only trying to answer truthfully when he stated "the chickens have come home to roost" after Kennedy's death
 - A. "The question-and-answer period opened, I suppose inevitably, with someone asking me... 'What is your opinion?'"
 - B. Malcolm usually didn't have a question and answer period after his speeches
 - C. Malcolm seemed to have a prepared answer to the question
 - D. Malcolm seemed to want the question
 - E. Was breaking away from religious teachings
 - F. At this point, focusing on the civil rights movement





- IV. Malcolm stated that he did not air his differences with Elijah Muhammad and the NOI
 - A. Stated that he told the press that their disagreement was a political one
 - B. Openly reported on Muhammad's shortcomings when being sued by the NO
 - C. Was fighting for his home
 - D. Victim of attacks by the NO
 - E. Wanted to show that he took the "high road" in his book







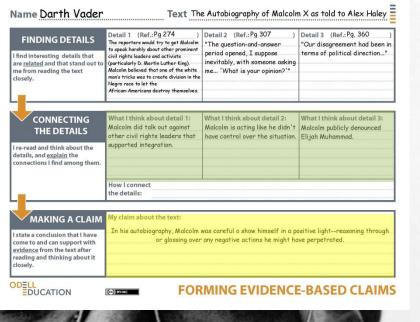
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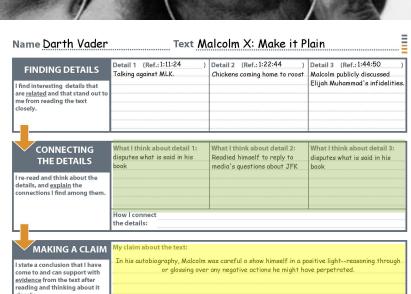
come to and can support with evidence from the text after reading and thinking about it



or glossing over any negative actions he might have perpetrated.

- A. He glossed over some point that would make him look
 - A. Other Civil Rights Lead
 - B. Elijah Muhammad
- B. The point of the book was the love and cooperation (the Muslim religion) would fix the nations problems—not hate (NOI)
- C. These changes/omissions do not change the point of the book
- D. Nothing egregious



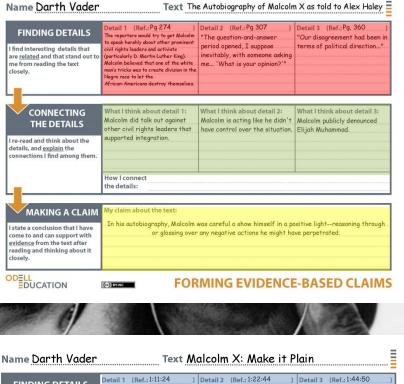


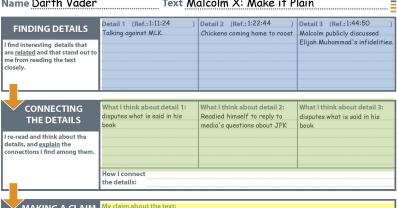
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Conclusion

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