

Malcolm X: Part 1

Significant events that changed his life

- father's death
  - brutally murdered
  - claim that it was a suicide (for insurance reasons)
- mother's madness/ institutionalization of mother following father's death
- alternate family life/ reform school
- move to Boston (had he stayed in Michigan, he would have become a "brainwashed Christian")
- Teacher's comments
  - should be a carpenter as opposed to a lawyer
  - significant motivation/drive to do better
- becoming a hustler
- imprisonment

Significant People

Shorty  
Ostrauski (teacher) p. 38-39  
Shoeshine job  
Ella (sister)  
Reginald (brother)

Is Malcolm's character set at our ending point?

- prison hold's the possibility to change anyone
- he possesses a great awareness of his environment; can adapt to find benefits
- everyone has somewhat of an established character after adolescence

Is character changed by events throughout his life?

Two Malcolms

- the one living the life of doing what feels good
- Narrator Malcolm: reviews life, develops a better understanding

Religion: Malcolm has little respect for religious people

Was this due to his father's position and, consequently, his end?

-father constantly pulling the family through struggles that separated the family or put the family in danger

Is his continued relationship with siblings after their separation surprising?