

Movie Review: Malcolm and Marie

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### About *Malcolm & Marie*

*Malcolm & Marie*, a Netflix Drama and Independent film that was released on January 29, 2021. Sam Levison created and wrote this film where it focused on a filmmaker and his girlfriend who both of them went home from a movie premiere to expose themselves with a smoke tentistry and flaming confessions to engage in a romantic relationship. John David Washington portrayed Malcolm, and Zendaya portrayed Marie.

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Malcolm and Marie return to his Los Angeles home to discuss his work where he develops his idea of making a movie about his girlfriend, Marie, and their relationship which made Marie thankful to give him credit as a filmmaker due to the impact of Marie. He wanted to create a movie about her because it meant everything to him. Malcolm started to drink and turn up the music in a very high volume to listen to Motown music to enjoy his success in his work, while Marie went outside to During the scene, there was a lot of dramatic seems where they made and fell love in the next minute, and then, they start arguing throughout the movie. They stayed up all night trying to work their relationship. They used their emotions as they tried their best to maintain their relationship which is not easy for them. At the end of the movie, they went to sleep and then, Malcolm went outside in the morning to find Marie, which the movie became silent. It did not show a happy ending after all.

### How Does *Malcolm & Marie* relate to Interpersonal Communication?

*Malcolm & Marie* illustrates the action of emotions in Chapter 5 where it understands the role of human order to observe the importance of communication. It guides the viewers on how the film used emotions in certain forms of relationships. The film involves a romantic

relationship that explains in Chapter 10 that establishes the aspect of it which relates to Robert Sternberg's three stages of the triangular theory of love and the action of a romantic relationship where it explains three conflict styles.

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