

The Hate You Give (Movie) Discussion Questions

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The questions I used were invented as I listened to the conversation.

1. What was your initial reaction after watching the movie? How did it make you feel?
2. How did you feel about the music and soundtrack of the movie? If you could choose a song that would be your personal soundtrack, what would it be?
3. Let's talk about code switching. At the beginning of the movie, Starr has two versions of herself. Have you ever had to code-switch or ever notice anyone code-switching? If, there are no responses, rephrase the question to what are your thoughts on code-switching?
4. Let's talk about the talk that Starr's father gave when she was 9. What are your thoughts about the talk? How did it make you feel hearing a parent to his children talk about the reality of their environment?
5. When Khalil dies, what did you notice about Starr's change in demeanor? What causes her to use her voice?
6. What role does Starr play in getting justice for Khalil?
7. At the end of the movie, one of the most heartfelt things happened when Starr's younger brother held a gun up to protect his father. How did you feel watching this scene? What message did you interpret about that moment?

Extra Questions:

1. What do you think is the purpose of this film? What message is it trying to send?
2. Do you think that there is a solution to the type of problems presented in the film? Explain.
3. Predict what you think happened in Starr's life five years later after the film. Ten years later?