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[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNEXDCzfl4qD81H543iukTcuMBXVy\\_7MV](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNEXDCzfl4qD81H543iukTcuMBXVy_7MV)

- Story of Jamal, a Muslim man in Baltimore, who balances his life as a young father and drug dealer

*Death of a Prophet* (1981) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0179757/>

- Focuses on the final year of Malcolm X's life

*Hip Hop Hijabis* (2015) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kSh6bobLTU&noredirect=1>

- Documentary on British rap duo

*The Greatest* (1977) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0076111/>

- Biography of Muhammad Ali, starring Muhammad Ali

*Jinn* (2018) <https://www.jinnfilm.com/>

- "A shape-shifting, pepperoni-loving black teenage Instagram celebrity converts to Islam. Here's what happens."

*Journey to Timbuktu* (2013) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdxJ0tqF09g>

*The King of South Shields* (2008)

[http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1357160/plotsummary?ref\\_=tt\\_ov\\_pl](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1357160/plotsummary?ref_=tt_ov_pl)

- Experimental documentary focusing on the day that Muhammad Ali visited a British Yemeni Community in 1977

*Malcolm X* (1992)

- Spike Lee Oscar nominated movie

*Mooz-Lum* (2010) [http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1450328/?ref\\_=rvi\\_tt](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1450328/?ref_=rvi_tt)

- "Amid a strict Muslim rearing and a social life he's never had, Tariq enters college confused. New peers, family and mentors help him find his place, but the 9-11 attacks force him to face his past and make the biggest decisions of his life."

*Muslimah's Guide to Marriage* (2018)

[https://www.paff.org/films/#!/film/muslimahs\\_guide\\_to\\_marriage](https://www.paff.org/films/#!/film/muslimahs_guide_to_marriage)

- A 20-something Black Muslim woman tries to rebuild her broken marriage before her iddah ends.

*Naz and Maalik* (2016) <http://www.nazandmaalik.com/#!/about/cdyi>

- Two closeted Black Muslim teens deal with FBI surveillance

*Prince Among Slaves* (2014)

- Documentary on Abdul Rahman Sori narrated by Yasiin Bey



*Prison Blues* (2015) <http://taleefcollective.org/prisonblues/>

- Documentary about the prison industrial complex through a Muslim lens

*Roots* (1977) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0075572/>

- The story of Alex Haley's family, starting with his African Muslim Ancestor, Kunta Kinte

*Roots* (2016) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3315386/>

- Remake of the 1977 movie

*Sleeper Cell* (2005-2006)

- A Muslim FBI agent goes undercover to infiltrate a sleeper cell in the U.S.

*The Siddi, An African Community in India*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UD7sp-L9IUk>

*The Trials of Muhammad Ali* (2014)

<http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/trials-of-muhammad-ali/>

- The story of Muhammad Ali inside and outside of the ring

*Timbuktu* (2014) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cs2dYAlbINY>

- The story of a family's life during the occupation of Timbuktu, Mali by the Ansar Dine

*Traitor* (2008) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0988047/>

- "When straight arrow FBI agent Roy Clayton heads up the investigation into a dangerous international conspiracy, all clues seem to lead back to former U.S. Special Operations officer, Samir Horn."

*What's My Name: Muhammad Ali* (2019)

- Two-part HBO documentary on Muhammad Ali's boxing career and activism

*Witnessed: The Assassination of Malcolm X* (2015) <https://www.cnn.com/specials/malcolm-x>

- CNN special report on Malcolm X's death