

Senior Narrative Synopsis

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Main Cast:

Aminah

Rayah

Aminah is a high school junior who had recently immigrated to the United States from a country on the other side of the world. Her pride in her culture and identity greatly contributed to her loving relationship with her family. Our film starts with Aminah after living in the states for a couple of months, where she has completely transformed herself into a new person after rejecting her culture. This assimilation into American culture has distanced her from her family. All that Aminah cares about is fitting in and shaping herself to conform to the standards that are expected of her. Through this process, she is welcomed into the popular group at her school. Her life is on pause but she doesn't mind because she fits in, and that is all that matters. One day, as Aminah is walking through the halls at her school, she notices a group of students picking on a new student who was wearing a hijab. This was the first time Aminah had seen a hijab since she moved to the states. Without knowing how to react, she walks away and doesn't say anything. Soon after, Aminah sees the new girl, Rayah, in a library. Because Aminah is not with her friends, she feels comfortable enough to approach Rayah and introduce herself. Aminah soon realizes that she and Rayah share so much more than just being the new student. Aminah continues to support and converse with Rayah in private, but never approaches her at school where her friends could see. Aminah reveals much more about herself through this process. One day, Aminah's character is finally put to the test when her friends begin to pick on Rayah. As they call her terrible names, Aminah finally stands up against them and leaves them as a group because Aminah finds a part of herself that she had been suppressing for so long. With her newfound friend by her side, Aminah grows closer to her family and the culture that she had drifted away from before. By the end of the film, it is clear that Aminah has embraced her identity and has found a life in a new country that she is truly content with.