

HOW TO READ

MALCOLM X

A Meditation on Methodology

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There are many books by and about Malcolm X, but there is only one book that can help you to read all of the other books. The book that provides a method to access and evaluate the alternative approaches and meanings of Malcolm X has finally been written.

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Consider the basic questions:

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What can we learn from his life?

What was his background?

How did he gain so much knowledge and understanding?

How did Malcolm X fit into the 1950s and 1960s?

Did he have any mentors? Any peers? Any heirs?

What was the mainstream reaction to Malcolm X in the '50s and '60s?

Why is the reaction different in the 1990s?

What is the legacy of Malcolm X?

To what extent can his legacy be evaluated as rhetoric or as action?

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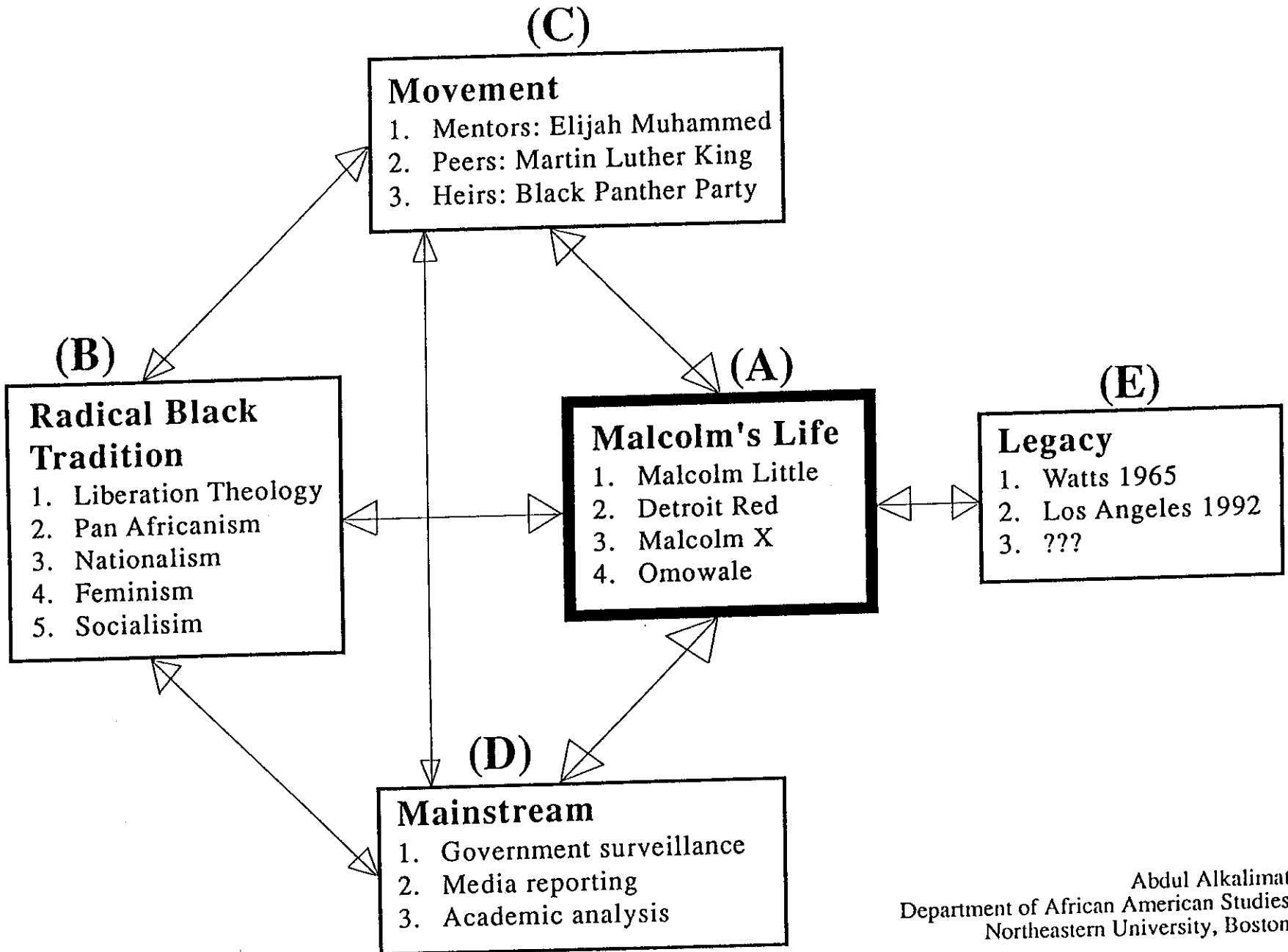
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The Paradigm, the Discourse, the Critics

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A Framework for How To Read Malcolm X



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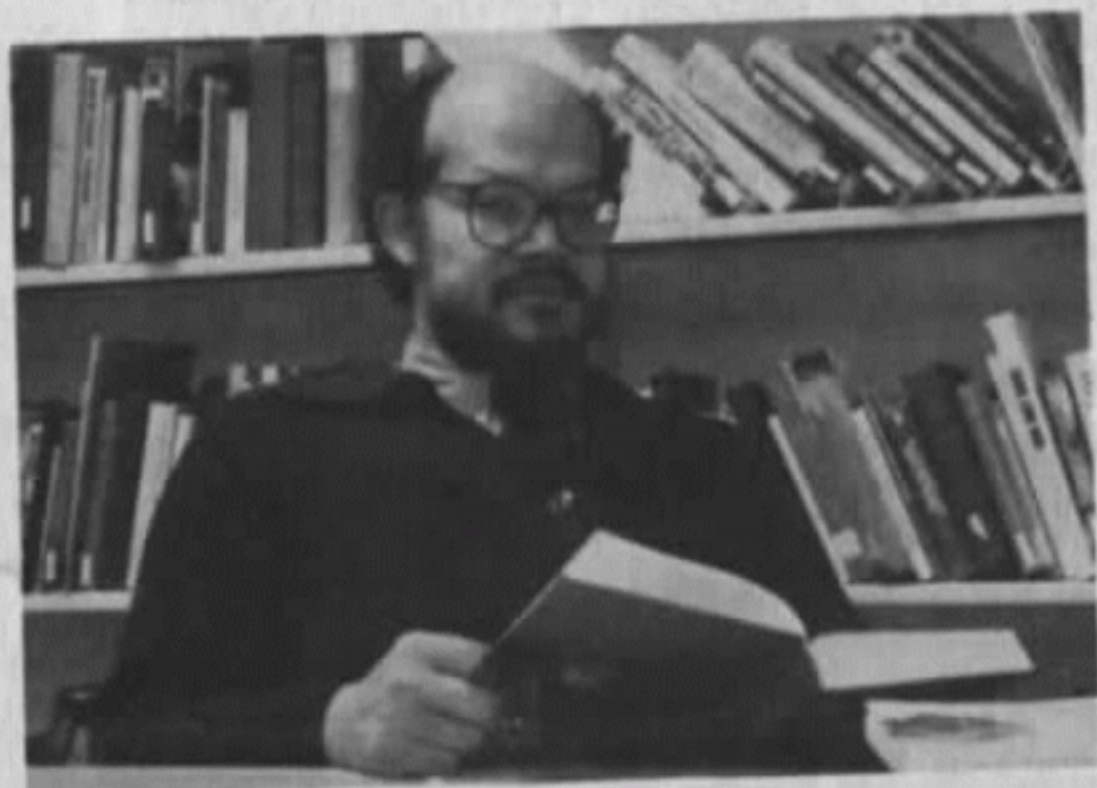
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Abdul Alkalimat, veteran revolutionary scholar activist has given extensive lectures in the every major Black community in the U.S., as well as abroad. He has taught for 25 years and is currently at Northeastern University, Boston.

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In 1987 Abdul Alkalimat along with other Malcolm X scholars, including James Cone and William Sales, formed a work group hosting a series of three annual symposia at Queens College, Flushing, New York, on May 19th (the anniversary of Malcolm's birth).

Studies on Malcolm X continued into the '90s when the overall movement of fighters for Black liberation gathered for the major international conferences on Malcolm X, held at the Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York City in 1990 and 1991 —

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