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The movie Afro-Punk is a great documentary film that explores and follows the lives of four young African Americans who are engrained into the punk rock lifestyle. The film follows along their personal journeys into the punk rock world as well as 80 others that they interview. Many of their stories are similar as they described how and where they grew up and how they even got introduced into the punk rock industry. Most grew up in the white dominated suburbs, thus leaving them to be isolated as the only colored child in the neighborhood. This was a part of the documentary that I personally really resonated with. This is because my parents immigrated from India, so growing up I would also feel a little isolated. Every neighborhood I lived in would always be surrounded by people who didn’t look like me so this was something that I connected with in the documentary. However the issues presented in the movie got worse as some would tell upsetting accounts of their friends and family looking down upon them because of their dyed hair, body piercing, questionable music taste, etc. This was interesting to see because they were not being judged by white people as much as their own African kind. Their own people did not approve of them acting differently and engaging in new surroundings. Overall, I think this documentary shined a light on an area that I was not aware of and I assume many are not. However, it great to see people trying new things and getting outside of their comfort zone.