

Film Title and Release Date: *Traitor* (2008)

Length of Film in Minutes: 116 minutes

Film Genre: Action/Thriller

Reviewer's Name and Grade: Benjamin W., 9th Grade

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Samir Horn is a devout Muslim working under deep cover to infiltrate terrorist organizations. He is first seen posing as an arms dealer, attempting to negotiate a deal with a terrorist named Omar. However, the house they're using gets raided by FBI agent Roy Clayton, and the pair of them get thrown into prison. While in prison, Samir and Omar become friends. During a prison breakout, Omar helps Samir escape and brings him to meet the organization he works for, al-Nathir. Samir joins al-Nathir and to prove his worth, he plants and detonates two bombs inside the U.S. consulate in Nice, France. Impressed with this action, the leader of al-Nathir reveals to Samir a plan to place 50 suicide bombers, each on a different bus, and have them all blow themselves up at once on Thanksgiving day. Samir is tasked with delivering explosives to each suicide bomber and telling them what bus to take. Meanwhile, Agent Clayton is doing all he can to track Samir down. When he goes to investigate a death caused by Samir, he finds out that Samir was working for an intelligence contractor. Realizing who Samir finally is, Agent Clayton follows him to Canada to arrest any members of al-Nathir. Samir gets there first and kills the leader, in the process revealing to Omar that he put all the suicide bombers onto one bus. Omar is enraged and attempts to kill Samir, but the FBI arrives and takes control. Later, in Chicago, Agent Clayton tracks Samir down and tells him that he is a hero, even if a few innocent lives were lost.

Now, I will answer some questions about the film:

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)? - I found this film through casual browsing. It was in the Newly Added Movies section.

Did the plot keep you interested? - This plot definitely kept me interested. The film was filled with suspense and action. There was hardly a point in the film where I wasn't anxious to learn what happened next.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right? - I think the pace of this film was just right. The filmmakers did a great job of mixing together the action and the rest to make the film more suspenseful.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for? - I think this film is appropriate for kids in grades 8-12. This film deals with a serious issue in the world which is hard to understand and scary once you do. There is a lot of violence so it wouldn't be appropriate for younger kids.

I would rate this film *5 stars*. The plot was very suspenseful and entertaining. The actors did a great job playing their parts and really sold their characters. The film opened my eyes to a topic I didn't really know but am glad that I do know now. I was a little confused at the beginning of the film but things cleared up quickly.