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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Breadwinner

Author:

Deborah Ellis

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Chapter 1: After reading this chapter, what have you learned so far about Parvana's life in Kabul, Afghanistan? How is her daily life different from yours?

Example answer: I learned that Parvana lives in a place where the Taliban's rules control many parts of daily life. Her family has to be very careful about what they do and where they go. This is different from my life because I can go to school, leave my house, and speak more freely. Parvana's world feels much more dangerous and unfair.

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: Now that you have finished the book, what message do you think Deborah Ellis wants readers to remember about hope, family, or survival?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 8: What is the biggest problem facing Parvana or her family at the end of this chapter? What do you predict they might try next?

Example answer: The biggest problem is that Parvana's family needs to stay safe while also finding ways to get what they need to live. I predict that Parvana will keep trying to be brave, even when she is scared. I also think her family will have to work together and make careful plans because one mistake could be dangerous.

Chapter 13: What is one unfair rule or situation shown in this chapter? How do the characters respond to it?

Example answer: One unfair situation is that girls and women do not have the same freedom as boys and men under the Taliban. This makes ordinary things, like going outside or earning money, much harder. The characters respond by finding quiet, clever ways to survive. I think this shows how strong they are, even when the rules are unjust.

Chapter 1

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New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: Which character do you understand better after this chapter? What new thought, feeling, or action helped you understand that person?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: What is one unfair rule or situation shown in this chapter? How do the characters respond to it?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: So far, how do the Taliban's rules affect Parvana and her family? Use details from the chapter to explain your thinking.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: What is one difficult choice Parvana or someone in her family makes in this chapter? Why do you think that choice is hard?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: Pick one detail about food, clothing, school, work, or money from this chapter. What does it teach you about daily life under the Taliban?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: How does Parvana's role in her family change or stay the same in this chapter? What does this show about responsibility?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: What does this chapter show about courage? Choose one character, such as Parvana, Mother, Father, or Nooria, and explain how that character shows bravery or fear.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: Choose an important word or phrase from this chapter that helps you understand the setting or the characters' lives. What does it mean, and why is it important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: What does this chapter suggest about friendship, teamwork, or helping others? Give an example of someone giving or needing help.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: How does the setting, such as the home, streets, or market in Kabul, affect the mood of this chapter? Use details that help create that feeling.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: How are Parvana and Nooria alike or different so far? Use one example from the chapter or from earlier in the book.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: What moment in this chapter made you feel worried, hopeful, angry, or surprised? Explain what happened and why it affected you.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: What is the biggest problem facing Parvana or her family at the end of this chapter? What do you predict they might try next?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
