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# The Breadwinner

**educational**  
**MOVIE GUIDE**

**PG13**

**2017**

**1** 5:15

Rewatch this scene again if necessary and briefly summarize what Parvana's father tells her about their country's history and the Silk Road.

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**3** 22:45 

Parvana's family is struggling to survive now that their father is gone. A) Explain how the laws in their country make it impossible for them to survive? B) Would a similar family in your country, have the same problems? Explain.

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**B)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2** 11:00

A) Why does the Taliban arrest Parvana's dad? B) What might be the real reason this former student, comes back to Parvana's house and arrests her dad?

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**B)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**4** 31:45

A) How has Parvana changed since she started acting like a boy? Why is she confident that she can help her father? B) Why is her mom hesitant and worried about letting Parvana go to help her father?

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**B)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**5** 42:05 A) Does going to the sea, and feeling the water on your feet sound like a dream you, or one of your friends, would have? Explain. B) Describe a few things you may take for granted that Delwar and Parvana probably don't.

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**B)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**6** 47:00

If you were given the task to find something that shines, something that ensnares, and something that soothes, what three objects would you get? Be creative.

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**Ensnares**

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**Soothes**

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*Maybe they'll find a husband for you too, and your troubles will be over, until after the wedding at least.*

*~Deliwar*

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**7** 54:05

A) Predict why Parvana's mom is laying out her sister's good clothes. B) Would this happen in your house or in your neighborhood? Explain.

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**8** 1:00:15 

A) Do you think Idrees feels tough around his uncle and the other men? B) Do you think he feels tough around women and older men like Parvana's father? Use details from the film to support your answer.

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**9** 1:07:15

Why do you think Parvana's mother is so scared and doesn't want her to leave? What does she say accidentally that gives a hint about why she is so worried?

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**10** 1:23:45 

Why do you think Razaq helps Parvana and even risks his life for her? Was it just because he's a nice guy? Explain. Write your answer first, then share and evaluate ideas with a partner.

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## 11 Reflection

A) What are some stereotypes you have heard about people from Afghanistan? Do you think watching this movie would change the way people think about Afghans? Explain. (Hint: Think about and include some of the wonderfully positive traits demonstrated by the main characters in this film as well as the Taliban men they fight against.) B) In the film, Parvana lies and says her father was martyred by the Russians. Why would someone on the street accept this lie? Use what you know about history around this time period or do some research to help explain your answer. (Bonus: What is another scene that gives evidence of this history with Russia in the movie?)

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## 12 Freedom Comparison

Compare the freedoms, or lack thereof, that Afghan girls and boys had in 2001 as demonstrated in this film, with the freedoms that girls and boys have where you live today. B) Which place do you think is more likely to produce adults that would favor the kind of rule demonstrated by the Taliban in the movie? Explain.

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## 13 Bonus Extension Activity

Explore the 'Gender policies' section of the Wikipedia entry for 'Taliban Treatment of Women' and look for examples of these policies being enforced on Parvana and her family. Find and describe at least 5 examples of this and use details from the film to support your answer.

### Example

Employment: "Elementary education of children, not just girls, was shut down in Kabul."

In the film, when Parvana's father is being arrested they accuse him of teaching 'the women' with his forbidden books. We know he was teaching Parvana and probably his wife and other daughter as well.

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