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Breadwinner

What if you were in a place where enjoyment and well-being was a thing of the past . How would you live when conflicts are normal? In a character's identity, you can see what sets them apart from you, the reader, and other characters in books. Motivation is something you can relate to define a character's identity. The character or protagonist that becomes an example is Parvana from *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis. Motivations heavily influence a character's identity depending on the motivation.

The Breadwinner begins with an 11-year-old girl named Parvana. She lives in Afghanistan under Taliban rule. Her father has gotten arrested and Parvana must go through the hardships of life to support her family. This is a motivation for Parvana to keep moving on. If Parvana doesn't do anything her family will fail to live and never see father again. Because of this conflict Parvana changes her attitude towards things. "Like it or not, you need to know how to do this. Your future depends on it. You give up on this, you will give up on the next difficult thing, and you are too smart and too strong to start giving up." This quote is a big motivation for Parvana as it implies that if you were to give up now, things will get much worse.

Parvana keeps moving and stays strong knowing if she doesn't she'll never get to see father again. Motivations take a big toll on a character's identity depending on the situation the character is in. The motivations characters have also depend on the type of relationship which

impacts a character's identity. In conclusion motivations help characters either stay alive or make the right choices.