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<div align="center">Character Identity</div>

Discovering a character's identity is the most important part when you read a book. Because It's how well you understand the book. But how do we find these identities from the book? There are three big ways to find identity easily, and the book *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis provides examples of these techniques.

First, a reader can read dialogue in the book. Authors create a character identity through the character's discussions with another character. You can see a lot about a character and who they are and who you think they are by how they act in a conversation. For example, if a character says lots of nice things in conversations you can infer that part of the person's identity is that they are a nice person.

Second, a reader can find the character's thoughts. Characters' thoughts can be used to show what they think about in their everyday life. Character's thoughts can be a big part of their identity because what they think about on a daily basis reflects on what they do. For example, if all someone does is think about themselves, then you can most likely tell that they are a selfish person. Although this is usually the truth, sometimes you could be looking at someone's identity as a mean person, but they could be doing that because they are depressed because someone who they loved died and thinking about them makes them sad and puts them in a bad mood. In this case you could be looking at their false identity and deep down they could be a very kind person. An example of

this in *The Breadwinner* is when Parvana reads the note to the Taliban soldier from his dead wife and she sees him cry. This surprises Parvana and she sees that even though the Taliban are mean and disrespectful to the woman in Afghanistan; they have feelings, emotions, and thoughts too.

Third, a reader can see what choices the characters make. Characters' choices and decisions make up a huge part of their identity. It makes up a huge part of their identity because the choices they make can influence their entire life. For example, if you make a lot of bad choices, then later down the road you will most likely end up in jail, but on the other hand if you make a lot of good choices then you will most likely succeed, get a good job, and do the things you want to do in life.

With these 3 shortcuts, you will be able to find the characters identity really easily and fast.