

Hunger Games & The Breadwinner

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Katniss and Parvana are both young, brave females whose identities change as they are faced with life or death situations. Both characters show immense bravery throughout the books when faced with challenging times and become heroes in their own way.

KATNISS & PARVANA

LACK OF FREEDOM/FEAR

Katniss: The Capitol provokes fear and tells you what you can do
Parvana: The Taliban provokes fear and tells you what you can do

BRAVERY

Katniss: Volunteers for her sister in the Hunger Games
Parvana: She becomes a boy to help her family

VOICES ARE SUPPRESSED

Katniss: You can't speak against the Capital
Parvana: Can't speak at all

FAMILY IMPORTANCE

Katniss: Cares and protects her family, regardless of the consequences
Parvana: Does what she needs to do to feed her family

COMPARE

KATNISS

She becomes a person she doesn't want to be in the Hunger Games Arena.

She doesn't see her actions in the arena as a sign of rebellion, she is just trying to stay alive.

CONTRAST

PARVANA

Being a female is very limiting and her culture dictates her identity.

She has to pretend to be a boy so can help save her family from starvation.

Conclusion

Both authors create identities for each main character through relationships and motivations. Katniss and Parvana's identities evolve as they encounter difficult situations and meet new people. Basic human dignity challenges both Katniss and Parvana throughout the books, but both are able to fight, adapt and rise above the unfairness of their governments. Bravery is one of the primary elements that lead to two strong, confident identities at the end of the books.