

Identity:

In a character's identity, you can see what sets them apart from you, the reader, and other characters in books. There are also a lot of traits that the character has that you can relate to. The character or protagonist that we will be talking about is Parvana from the Breadwinner.

Breadwinner plot:

The breadwinner is about an 11-year-old girl named Parvana. She lives in Afghanistan under Taliban rule. Her father has been arrested and Parvana must go through the hardships of life to support her family. This motivates Parvana to keep moving on. If Parvana doesn't do anything her family will fail to live and she will never be able to see father again. Because of what is happening parvana becomes more mature. She must be responsible for taking care of the family.

Connections with other characters:

Parvana is a risk-taker and will do anything to help out her family. A character I can relate to Parvana would be Leisel Meminger from The Book Thief. Leisel Meminger is also very risky and would do anything for her family. What they have in common is the hardships of living in conflict(war) and losing something precious. Because of the situation, they are in, it forces them to change, and will have to take on the responsibility of their family, as well as others. This conflict is a big motivator for both characters.

Differences:

What sets Parvana and Leisel Meminger's identity apart from each other is being protective of others. Parvana is very weak which is very understandable because of how young she is and her situation at the moment. Parvana is mature but sometimes lets her emotions take over. Leisel Meminger can protect others because of her more developed body. Besides Leisel being more developed she is also very clever and will come up with plans to help her family as well as others. The reason I am comparing this is to show how much Parvana can grow.

How I can connect with these characters:

When Parvana and Leisel lost a family member I knew how much it would hurt. Having someone that you love just to lose them would hurt mentally. What I can relate to is being motivated by conflict. When there is something that is conflicting with the things that I do I'll always try to find a way around it. This helps me grow as a person and be more responsible. These novels also help me gain a new perspective on identity. What I mean by this is it gives me a better understanding of a character's development. From the beginning towards the end of the story, the identity of a character can be changed because of his/hers encounter with people that can alter the way they treat human morals or dignity. In conclusion I learned that identity is easily influenced by the things around you.