

Core A - Week 22

***The Breadwinner*- Chs. 1-6.** Support your answers with material from the text, and do not consult the internet in order to answer any of the questions.

As you read, look up five words you do not understand and record the definitions on a separate sheet. Attach that sheet to this assignment. **Note:** Be sure to check the glossary at the end of the book for the definition of words specific to culture in Afghanistan.

1. Read the “Author’s Note” on pages 167-169, and write a brief summary of Afghanistan’s history since 1978. It should include all the important dates, wars, and changes in political power.

2. Why does the Taliban arrest Parvana’s father when she and her mother claim he has done nothing wrong?

3. Why are her father’s books so important to Parvana? What do they represent to her?

4. On the back of this assignment sheet, create a T chart by drawing a vertical line down the middle of your paper. On one side describe what life was like for Parvana’s family 10 years ago. On the other side, describe how it has changed and what their life is like now. Think about how life has changed for Parvana’s father, for the women in the family, for her brother Hossain, and for the family as a whole.

