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**THE BREADWINNER**  
by Deborah Ellis

**Pre-reading Activities:**

Before you walk through the window of The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis, get your mind working!

- First, do you know what a breadwinner is? Usually a family has one breadwinner. Take a guess first and then check your answer by looking it up in the dictionary.

Guess: \_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition: \_\_\_\_\_

- Next, read the back and learn a little about the story. Look at the book cover and guess what you think the story may be about and who the characters may be. It is not important to be right, but guessing focuses your reading and you will better comprehend the story. Based on what you read, who do you think the main character of this book will be?

- Get your bearings. Learn about the **setting**, the time and place of the story. Turn to the two maps in the front of the book.

- On what continent is Afghanistan? \_\_\_\_\_

- What five countries surround it?

- What are the four largest cities?

- Turn to page 167 and read the Author's Note, which ends on page 168.