

## ***The Breadwinner* – Study Guide Chapters 12-15**

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*Directions: Type all answers on separate paper. Title the assignment *The Breadwinner Ch 12-15 Study Guide*.*

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### **Vocabulary**

*Directions: Write a definition for each term as it relates to the context of the book.*

Glowered (121)

Poultice (137)

Exile (140)

Rummaged (127)

Bride-price (138)

Derision (142)

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### **Questions**

*Directions: Write a brief but thorough answer to each question. Make sure that you not only tell the answer but also show (with specific details from the text) and explain (in your own words) as necessary for each question. All answers must be a minimum of 3 complete sentences!*

1. Shauzia is planning to leave Afghanistan. After reading the debate on pages 110-113, do you think Shauzia would be right to run away? Why or why not?  
*A complete response will address Shauzia's reasons for wanting to leave and Parvana's reasons she could not leave.*
2. What are Nooria's reasons for wanting to marry a man she has never met?
3. Describe at least two reasons why it took a lot of courage for Parvana to bring Homa to her house in the manner that she does.
4. Parvana gives up hope when she hears of the horrible events in Mazar. What happens at the end of Chapter 14, and how does it show that all hope is not lost?
5. On pages 138-139, the two girls discuss the reason they have to keep working. What goals do the girls have in their work and how are those goals different?
6. At the end of the story, what does Parvana do to "say goodbye" to the Window Woman? Why does she do this?

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### **Optional Activity – Preparing for *The Breadwinner* Essay**

Next week you will begin an essay arguing how the characters display *courage*. Don't worry about the essay specifics for now; however, as you read, if you notice an example of courage, you may want to mark it in your book. If you do, it will be easier for you to find examples of courage when it is time to write your essay.