

English 8
Summer Reading Assignment
2021

Assignment:

- Read *Parvanna's Journey* by Deborah Ellis (part of *The Breadwinner* series).
- Answer all of the Short Answer and Open-Response Questions in complete sentences.
- Return this packet with your completed answers on the second day of school.

Short Answer Section

Directions: Answer all of the following questions in at least two complete sentences. Include your answers on another sheet of paper.

1. What is the significance of the title? Why did the author choose this title?
2. Describe the setting (time and place) of the novel. How is it significant to the events that took place?
3. Why is Leila convinced that she cannot be hurt by landmines? Is she correct? Does it work?
4. Why do you think that Asif has such a bad attitude and is so unkind all of the time, especially towards Parvanna?
5. What do you think Parvanna means when she says: "it's been a long journey, but it's not over yet?" (Ellis 193).

Open-Response Section

Directions: Answer the following question in at least three paragraphs (at least 5 sentences per paragraph with an introductory sentence, supporting detail sentences, and a concluding sentence). Include support for your opinions. Write your answers on another sheet of paper.

1. Select one of the following thematic topics from the novel: tragedy, sacrifice, or courage. Explain what this thematic topic means (state a possible theme). Explain how this theme is demonstrated and developed throughout the novel using at least three textual details (examples).