

Breadwinner, The

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Subjects: English Language Arts, Social Studies

Grades 6-7

Evaluation Date: May 2011




Social Considerations

Resource Evaluation

CURRICULUM FIT

Does the resource support BC curriculum?

 Extensively

SUGGESTED CLASSROOM
USAGE

Individual, group or whole class use; read aloud/discussion.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS


Violence

There is some graphic evidence of war-related violence such as hands cut off, severed heads, and dogs eating bodies.

Ethical and Legal

Bones are dug up in a graveyard.

Do the social considerations support, rather than detract from, student learning?

 Extensively


This novel requires teacher discussion regarding issues such as arranged marriages, violence committed by the Taliban military, and the discrimination against women.

GENERAL CONTENT


Content

Audience


Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

 Extensively

Does the resource provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?

 Extensively

Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

 Extensively

PRINT NOVEL

Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?



Extensively

Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?



Extensively

To what degree is this text stylistically rich?



Moderately

Plot description

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Genre

- Contemporary

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Reading Level

- At intended grade level(s)

GRADES AND SUBJECTS

Subjects

- English Language Arts: 6-7
- Socials Studies: 6-7

ADDITIONAL INFO

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