

**Positive:** Connect and Engage with others - Mariam has a natural talent of being good with people. Even though she was isolated from the world by her father, Mariam managed to get to her fathers home all alone. She spoke with a man she never seen before and managed to get a ride from him to her fathers home

**Negative:** Collaborate to plan, carry out and review - Mariam does not like to plan things before she does them. In the book Mariam goes to the city without telling Nana, without knowledge of the city, and no concrete plan how to get to her fathers dwelling. Hopefully by the end of the novel Mariam will learn that she has to make sure she knows her plan of action before doing anything.

**Positive :** Generating Ideas - Mariam has the ability to blame herself that everything bad that has happened in her life is somehow tied to the tragic death of her mother. After Mariam lost her first child she came to the idea that was gods plan to make suffer for what she did to her mother.

**Negative:** Developing ideas - Mariam is very good at generating ideas about her life choices. But when it comes down to action, Mariam commit to those ideas. When Mariam was growing up, Nana would make all her major decisions. Therefore Mariam never learned to develop on her ideas. Getting deeper into the book I hope that Mariam stands up for her self and get what she deserves.

**Positive:** Self Determination - Mariam has the life goal of living by her father side. Mariam can set a goal and achieve it no matter what but there are bad sides to this. Mariam overcame her Nana and entered the town without telling her. She sacrificed everything just to be with her dad.

**Negative:** Self regulation -Because Mariam was so self determined to live with her father, she forgot the most important thing in her life; Nana. Mariam needs to be a lot more open minded. She left her home one night in search of her fathers house. Mariam did not tell Nana that she was leaving. Since Nana though Mariam was gone, she committed suicide. Nana's last words will haunt Mariam for the rest of the story: "I'll die if you go.I'll just die"

**Positive:** Question and Investigate - Mariam can question her fathers life choices and she can also investigate why he only visits her once a week. Mariam. Mariam looks into her fathers life and find out she is one of nine children. She also finds out he has 3 wives

**Negative:** Analyze and critique- Mariam has a tough time critiquing her father for what he has done to her. Mariam treats her father like a god, but what she gets in return is being treated like a weed.

**Positive:** Relationships and cultural context - Mariam can identify where she was born and raised, she sticks by her roots and never lets go of where she came from. Mariam displays her cultural context when she keeps in touch with her Karon tutor. Since she has such a solid relationship with the tutor this shows that Mariam is eager to learn more about her history and background.

**Negative :** Personal strengths and abilities - Mariam is having a hard time figuring out what she has to offer in the world. At some point in the book Mariam stops to ask "Where do I belong?". Mariam is lost because she was always isolated by her father and didn't have the chance to find her strength and abilities. Hopefully by the end of the novel Mariam find out what her strengths are and uses them to her advantage.

**Positive:** Values Diversity - Mariam never wore a burka in her life. Rasheed explained to Mariam his culture and lifestyle. Mariam agreed to cover her body, even though this was out of her comfort zone, just to please her husband. Since Mariam young she loved to dress up for the arrival of her father. This is why Mariam agreed to weak the burka because she was open to trying new clothing to make herself look presentable.

**Negative:** Building Relationships - Mariam is very good with communicating with other but what she needs to do more in create more everlasting relationships. Mariam needs to realise that her father does not own her as a person. She has her own needs and values. Mariam needs to find people that share a common interest as well as value her for what she is. Mariam is to focused on her relationship with her father she ended up losing a vital parts of herself. She also lost her biggest supporter Nana and her tutor.



# Mariam and Her Core Competencies

Mariam is one of the female protagonist in the book "1000 Splendid Suns". She is born to the wealthy, married businessman Jalil. Jalil felt ashamed of having been the father of such a poor girl, he built her a home on the outside of town. Since her father was not around Nana took care of her. Mariam is determined to live by her fathers side, but this task is dangerous to achieve. The reason being is Mariam's father Jalil treats her as she doesn't exist.