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A Long Way Gone

In society, people often go to war and find themselves in places where they don’t want to be, so they use inanimate objects to help them have a feeling of safety and a feeling of comfort. For example a book called A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah, show the reader how an inanimate objects like music has more than one purpose. Music saves Beah’s life, and it distracts him from his problems.

One way that Beah shows the reader how music help save his life is when his brother, his friend, and himself were caught by the villager and when the chief listened to the music. The chief says “show me how you, your brother and your friend did that” (69) after showing the chief it helps him change his mind and it helps them stay alive. This example shows that music help show the chief that the boys meant no harm to the villager.

The second ways that Beah show how music helps distracts him is when the rebels came and attacked the villager so his brother, his friend, and him waited for any news about his family. “Junior,talloi, and I listen to rap music, trying to memorize the lyrics so that we could avoid thinking about the situation at” (15 ) it show that music help distract them from the bad situation that they are facing at hand. This example show that music isn’t just other thing that he just listen just to listen but is something that just let him go into his own world and not face the real world