

Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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Analyzing a Quote From Florence

"You can't see Canada across Lake Erie, but you know it's there. It's the same with spring. You have to have faith especially in Cleveland."
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This says that just because you can't see something does not mean it's not there. Florence thought this because she was not convinced that spring would ever come because of all of the snow. She thought this right outside the garden when she saw the garden deserted and covered with snow. Florence is an older lady and loved just to look at the garden.

I think it means that you have to have faith in something, even if they seem impossible. For example, take snow in April... it looks like it will never go away, but you know it will. An example from my life is when I was learning to roll in a kayak I had to have faith that I would get up and not drown

It matters a lot in the world because if no one had faith, there wouldn't be anything here. An example is Lance Armstrong he had faith and so he was able to fight cancer and he lived and came back to win the Tour de France 7 times in a row, if he didn't have faith, he never would have accomplished what he did.

Comparing and Contrasting Sae Young and Florence

Both Sae Young and Florence love the garden. Florence didn't plant anything, but Sae Young planted hot peppers. Florence loved to talk to people, but because of the bad experience Sae Young had being robbed and beaten at the dry cleaners, she is more afraid to be near people or talk to strangers. The garden gave them both joy. Florence had some place to walk to and look forward to seeing. Sae Young finally found a place where she could go and see her friends and talk to people and feel comfortable doing it. Florence was from Colorado and Sae Young was from Korea. They both have totally different perspectives on the garden. Sae Young thinks of the garden as a place to grow things, but Florence thinks of the garden as a beautiful sight.

What I Admire About Florence

I admire Florence because she really sees the beauty in the garden. She proves that you don't have to grow something in the garden to get joy. Just by looking at what it has done to the city can also give joy to people that are not able to grow something in the garden. I also admire that she forces herself to take a walk even if she does not feel like taking one. I admire that her grandmother said "Be not solitary, be not idle." Also I like the fact that she was a librarian. I think that she was a great character.

