

# Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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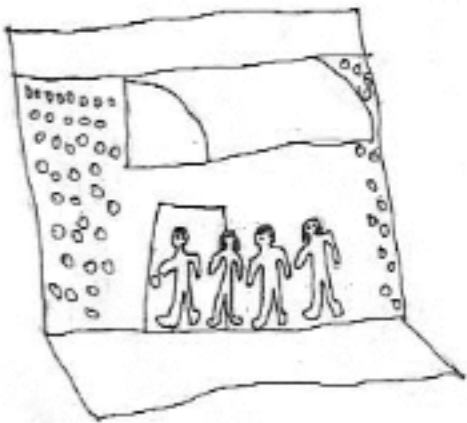
## Comparing and Contrasting Virgil and Sae Young

Although Virgil and Sae Young's social lives are very different, qualities in their lives can be compared to each other.

Sae Young starts a new way of life with the garden by making it help her get social again. She doesn't live with anybody, but enjoys having many friends. A man robbed her store once and almost killed her. After that she didn't like to be around people anymore and didn't even go outside. Speaking English is not one of her strengths. It was her own idea to participate in the garden. Sae Young's injury affects her social life a lot.

Virgil switches his life from school to the garden. He lives only with his dad, and is surprised to hear his father lying and hogging garden space. His dad came up with the idea of participating in the garden. Unlike Sae Young, he speaks English very well. Virgil gets to know his dad better, but doesn't seem to make any friends in the garden.

Sae Young and Virgil are both very interesting people in their similarities and differences.



## Analyzing a Quote From Sam

"This time she gave me a little smile. I smiled back. That's my occupation." (pp. 30)

It says that a woman smiled at Sam and then he smiled back. Sam is a very smart Jewish man. He had walked over close to the garden when this happened. Sam had just explained to her that, "paradise" means a "walled park."

The quote means that Sam is friendly to everybody, especially to anyone he meets at the community garden. The story has a very kind character, thanks to Sam, making Cleveland a little bit nicer place to live. I can relate it to when Sae Young says "That man named Sam. He's American man and talk to everyone." This supports Sam being friendly to everybody.

If I had to choose one of the characters in *Seedfolks* to meet, Sam would definitely be one of my top choices. I am amazed at how he just naturally goes up to people he doesn't know and starts a conversation with them. I'm much too shy to that. He is very devoted to encouraging people to be friendly to everyone, and not caring about their race.

## What I Admire About Leona

I think that Leona is very clever in the way she figures out how to get the garden cleaned up after being turned down so many times. All the bureaucrats she contacted with the telephone slithered their way out of helping, but she would not give up. She felt like it was her inescapable duty to get that garden clean. In the end, she used her enemy, the garbage, to lead her to victory. I admire her cleverness and determination to get something with a good cause done.