

Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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Comparing and Contrasting Leona and Gonzalo

Leona and Gonzalo are alike in many different ways. One way that they are alike is that they both participate in the garden. Leona gets it cleaned up and Gonzalo helps his great uncle. Another way that they are alike is that they both come to the garden early in the book. The last way they are similar is that they are both in the garden because of their family members. Leona is in the garden because of her grandmother and Gonzalo is in the garden because of his great uncle.

Even though they are alike in many ways, they are different. One difference between them is who they live with. Leona lives with her mom and dad and Gonzalo lives with his mom, dad, two brothers and his great uncle. Another difference between them is what they plant. Leona plants goldenrod and Gonzalo just watches his great uncle plant. The last way they are different is where they are from. Leona is from America and Gonzalo is from Guatemala.

I think that they each gained something from the garden. I think that Leona learned how to plant things and she learned that she could be proud that she helped start the garden. Gonzalo gained having something other to do that watch TV and he got to be outdoors.



Analyzing a Quote from Amir

“The garden’s green was as soothing to the the eye as the deep blue rug.” (p. 74)

The quote’s literal meaning is that Amir is thinking about the garden how it reminds him of a deep blue rug from India.

The emotional meaning is that the garden reminds him of his home and his rug from India and he really misses his home. Amir’s memory of the rug is that he and his sisters would lie outside on the rugs in the hot weather and try to press their bodies into its cool world.

It matters because, if it weren't for the rug, he wouldn't have joined the garden. And if he hadn't joined the garden, he wouldn't have made lots of friends. He also might not have cared about the lady who got attacked. But he and several other gardeners joined him to save the lady from the purse taker.

Leona, the Patient One

What I admire about Leona is that she is very patient. Once she realized people needed a space to garden she spent a day making calls to the City Government to try to get them to clean up the vacant lot. When the calls didn't work, she went to the City Hall to meet someone in person. In order to persuade them to clean up the trash, she went into a meeting and brought a smelly bag of trash to prove to them how bad the problem was. Even though she faced many obstacles she never gave up.