

Reflections on Seedfolks

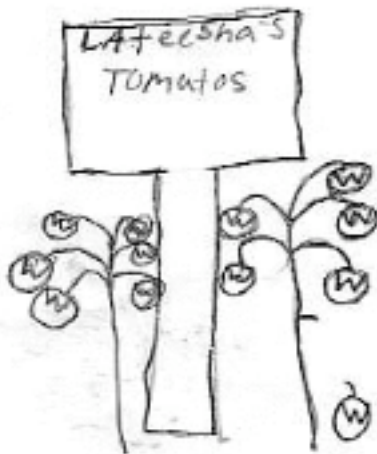
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Analyzing a Quote From Leona

"Which is how my grandfather and my father and sisters and I all came to be born there, the first black family in the whole county." (p. 82).

Leona great grandparents walked from Louisiana to Colorado to homestead. The reason that they left the south was because they were both freed slaves. Basically what it is saying is her relatives were the first black family to live in that part of Colorado

I think that she was walking when she said this because then she stops at the garden. She has been doing this for a couple of weeks to see if anyone has started planting in the garden then she says, Florence never plants anything she just watches the garden progress. They were not the first blacks in Cleveland but they were the first blacks in that part of Cleveland. If they did not come to live in that part of Cleveland, maybe blacks would never move there. When she went by the garden she saw Kim and Kim started the garden. Maybe the garden will start over again since Kim started it in the first place.



Comparing and Contrasting Kim and Curtis

Kim and Curtis are alike and not alike in many ways. I am going to tell you how they help the garden. Kim is a small fourth grader. Curtis is a 23 year old show off. Kim is a Vietnamese girl who's personality is nice and easy going. Curtis is a strong macho young man who likes to show off for the girls who like him.

Kim's dad is dead, but she does not show that she is sad because she never met her dad. She plants the lima beans to show her father that she is strong and that she really is her father's daughter.

Curtis is a really strong man who just shows off his biceps. He likes being called, "Ceps" by his friends. Curtis is 14 years older than Kim. Kim lived in Vietnam until she moved to Cleveland with her family. Kim came to the garden to gain contact with her father.

Both Kim and Curtis end up helping someone else. Curtis helped a teenager by getting him some food, a sleeping bag, and a pitchfork. Kim helped everyone that worked in the garden by starting it and helping everyone make new friends. They both helped people but they never met each other.

What I Admire About Curtis

If I had to be one of the characters in *Seedfolk* I would have to choose to be Curtis. Curtis is one of those show off guys but he also is a great man at the end. Curtis starts off as a muscular young man. He does not care about anyone except himself. His girlfriend dumped him because she thought he was dating other girls.

The way Curtis changes is he changes into a caring young man after a couple of years of thinking about what he did. He tries to win her back by planting tomatoes and putting up a sign that says "Lateesha's Tomatoes". She eventually notices the tomatoes but she never takes them, at least not in this book.

I think of Curtis as a showoff at first then a caring person at the end, this is why I would like to be Curtis in the book.