

# Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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## Comparing and Contrasting

### Leona and Sam

Leona and Sam are alike and different. Leona and Sam both tried to help the community, Sam help blacks and whites get along. Leona helped by taking time to convince the city government to use prisoners to clean up the trash from the vacant lot. They both are friendly. Leona helped Maricela, a pregnant teen, realize that everyone is a part of nature's system. While Sam helped people by getting them to talk and become friends.

But they had differences too. For example they had different choices of plants. Leona decided to plant golden rods, because her grandmother used it to make tea. Sam decided on tomatoes. The way they planted the plants was different, too. Sam had a young Puerto Rican dig his holes and plant his plants. Leona did it herself. They also came from different places. Leona came from Atlanta to Cleveland with her mom and grandmother. Sam is American and helped people by having them talk. They both enjoyed the garden because it brought people closer together. They thought of the garden as a place to relax and get along.

## Curtis, Muscles with Brains

I admire a lot of people but Curtis stood out. Even though Lateesha, his ex-girlfriend, broke up with him, he goes back and remembers that she loves tomatoes. So he goes to the garden and plants tomatoes. He plants them right in front of her apartment so she can see it. Even though friends tease him he sticks with it. I thought it was sweet that Curtis would do this. Especially if girls say he is cute, he turns their attention right to the tomatoes. It shows he has a true heart.

## Analyzing a Quote

### From Kim

[Was nine years old and still hoped that perhaps his eyes might move. Might notice me.] [p.1]

Kim a nine year old girl who has lost her father, is standing at her family altar, clinging to her dad's picture, hoping that he'll look at her for once.

This is important because her dad was a farmer. Which is what led her to plant her lima beans. It was her planting the beans that started the garden. She thought planting the lima beans would show her dad that she was his daughter, a farmer's daughter.

This matters because she believes planting her seeds would connect her to her father, who was a farmer. Just like when I hope and try so hard trying to get good grades.

