

Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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Comparing and Contrasting Sam and Curtis

Sam and Curtis have many differences, like their focuses. Sam focuses on other people to make them comfortable at where they are and Curtis focuses in himself and his body. There are also very different ages. Sam is 78 years old, and Curtis is 23 years old. Another thing they don't have in common is Sam planted his pumpkins for a kids funds and Curtis planted his tomatoes for Lateesha to get her back. Some things they both have in common are they both love to smile. Curtis smiles for him, to show off his body, and Sam does it to make people feel welcomed in their community. Another thing is they both hired helpers to do something. Sam did it to help him with growing his crop because he's old and cant get around easily, and Curtis did it cause he figured out that somebody or some people were taking his biggest tomatoes. That is what make Curtis and Sam the same and different.

What I Admire About Curtis; the Muscle Man

I admire that Curtis isn't one of the people that totally takes control of his body. Cause some people get so obsessed they can lose total control. I also admire how much he wants his girlfriend back, because there are some people who just give up and become a total wreck, they continue to be bad and some become robbers or criminals.

Analyzing a Quote From Sam

"You've seen fisherman mending the rips in their nets. That's what I do, only with people" (pg.30)

Sam is a person who like people to feel welcome in their community and that's who said this quote. Sam shows he is interested in making people of different races, backgrounds, and incomes all learn to work together and get along. He has been working on this in Cleveland by smiling and talking to all the people he meets and then trying to help them work together.

I think this quote means that Sam sees the garden as a small diagram of Cleveland. He wants to be able to fix the garden so all the blacks and whites are not separated. He wants people to trust each other and not have to build fences and have guards around their small plots.

The reason it matters is that it is important for people to get along and work together so they can have a big goal and all work toward it. Then they won't fight as much and will help each other. Sam spent years working on world peace for the same reason - so the world would be a safer happier place.

