

Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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Comparing and Contrasting Amir and Curtis

At first glance Amir and Curtis don't have much in common, but they both work hard in the garden. Amir is Indian, and Curtis grew up in Cleveland. They both have dark skin. Amir and Curtis both grew up in big cities. Amir planted vegetables for his family to eat, but Curtis planted tomatoes for Lateesha to love him. Amir has a young son and a wife, where as Curtis is trying to get a wife. Amir thought that everybody should notice each other, on the other hand Curtis just wants Lateesha to notice him. Those were similarities

I Admire Leona, the Persistent

My favorite character is Leona. I admire her persistence for getting the trash moved from the vacant lot. She is strong and cares about having a clean neighborhood. Leona is very clever when she brings the trash to the health office, to demand the lot be cleared. By letting them take a whiff of the garbage, she gets their attention. I like people who have persistence, and Leona has a lot of persistence.



Analyzing A Quote From Virgil

“ My father, he always had a smile on his face and a plan head.” (p.36)

Virgil lives with his dad, mom, and sisters in Cleveland. Virgil has finished the fifth grade. This pull quote literally means that Virgil's dad is very happy, and is very creative, and thoughtful. Virgil is talking about his dad, when Virgil and his dad are watching from the sidewalk while men are clearing the vacant lot.

My pull quote means that Virgil's dad is later on going to use plans he is already working on in his favor. The pull quote is important because later on in the chapter we learned that the plan in Virgil's dad's head was to grow baby lettuce and get lots of money by selling the fresh lettuce to fancy restaurants. Also part of Virgil's dad's plan was to buy an eighteen speed bike for Virgil.

Virgil's dad reminds me of a bit of my step dad, because he always has plans or ideas for projects. One day in summer he and I built a bike rack for our bikes. Another example is that my mom thought we should have a rope tow in our back yard, and this past summer Bill made a rope tow (with a little help from the rest of the family.)