

Reflections on Seedfolks

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Analyzing a Quote from “Sam”

People see I’m friendly, no matter what they’ve heard about whites and Jews. If I’m lucky, I get ‘em talking to each other... sewing up the rips in the neighborhood.”

Sam says he’s friendly. He tries to get people to like each other no matter what their ethnicity is. He wants to put the neighborhood back together again. Sam wants the people in the neighborhood to talk to each other and respect each other. He feels that the neighborhood is torn apart with each group living in their own little world. He wants the neighbors to come together and make it a real neighborhood again.

I agree with Sam because I think it is important to have a sense of community. I am grateful to live in a place where people get along with each other regardless of their color, religion, or how much money they have. It is nice to live in a community like that. Students in my school who are from a different background or different ethnicity are good friends with everyone else. Race doesn’t make any difference to us.



Comparing and Contrasting Wendell and Sam

In Seedfolks, both Sam and Wendell participated in the garden. Sam had a younger man and boy plant his pumpkins, while Wendell planted his vegetables by himself. Sam and Wendell are both Caucasian men. Sam is much older than Wendell. Both men help people. Wendell helps Ana whenever he can, while Sam wants to help the entire world. Wendell and Sam both gained a lot from participating in the garden. Wendell got hope, renewal and realized that there are better things to do in his life than to mope about the people he had lost in his family.

Sam got a project that matched his desire to bring peace to his neighborhood in Cleveland. Sam and Wendell are both trying to find peace. Sam is trying to bring peace to others while Wendell is trying to bring peace to himself. They both need the garden to achieve their goals.

Qualities I Admire in Sam

I admire Sam because I think it’s right how he tries really hard to help the world. I admire him because he tries to make everybody equal, and to get blacks and whites to be friendly and speak to each other. I think it’s right that he planted some pumpkins because he felt it was right. Sam had always wanted to plant a garden since he was a kid, and he felt that this was his closest chance that he was going to get. I admire Sam in many ways, and I think he is a very special person. I hope the good example that he is trying to set comes true and that everybody can be friendly to each other forever.