

# Reflections on *Seedfolks*

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## Comparing and Contrasting Sam And Curtis

A strong similarity between Curtis and Sam is they both seem to really like people. Curtis is 28, Sam is 78. Curtis planted tomatoes in the garden to try and get his old girlfriend back. Sam is participating in the garden because of his pumpkins and he really likes seeing people working together. Curtis is strong, but is participating to show Lateesha that he's more than his muscles and looks. Sam put on a contest for the best way to get water. Curtis has never gardened before, although Sam did when he was a kid.

A few similarities are both of them are single and I think they both have good reasons to plant things in the garden. Sam and Curtis both joined the garden to help someone or some people. Sam to help the neighborhood and Curtis to help himself.



## Analyzing a Quote From Florence

*"You can't see Canada across Lake Erie, but you know it's there. It's the same thing with spring. You have to have faith, especially in Cleveland."*

Florence the older woman speaking, did not plant anything in the garden because of the arthritis in her hands, but she cares about the garden like it's her own.

What I think she means is, even though winter can be long and there are a few snows in April, you just have to have faith that spring will come. These words are connected to the story by meaning if you work hard with the garden and you have faith, you will probably get results. Florence is positive and upbeat and she thinks things will turn out all right.

I think that the quote matters because it says to be optimistic in life and not to be negative all the time. For example the character Kim. She planted the lima bean seeds hoping that her dead father whom she'd never met, would open his eyes and see her planting beans like he used to do. She hoped he would realize that she is his daughter.

## Qualities I Admire in Sam

I admire Sam because he's old but still committed to doing his special work, which is caring about how different people treat each other and act around others. He came up with the idea of the contest to get water more efficiently, which I thought was clever. I think that Sam's hobby of studying words is very interesting. For example, he called the garden "Paradise" which he said means "walled park". However at the end of the chapter he noticed that people were still divided into their own cultures and "From paradise, the garden was turning back into Cleveland.". Basically Sam is just the kind of person who is very interested in people and how they act with each other and I think that's good because he can relate to people by doing that.