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English 7

Seedfolks Journal Entry Choices

Fall

After reading each chapter in Seedfolks, choose a prompt and write a one-page journal entry.

1. **Kim**

- a. Discuss where Kim and her family came from originally and their beliefs about the afterlife.
- b. Discuss why Kim decides to plant the lima beans in the vacant lot.

2. **Ana**

- a. Discuss what Ana thinks Kim was doing and how that affects her.
- b. Discuss Ana's ethnic heritage and her life in Cleveland.
- c. Discuss how Ana's thought change after she discovers what Kim really did.

3. **Wendell**

- a. Who is Wendell, what does he do for a living and what is his connection to the neighborhood?
- b. What does Wendell think about Kim's action?

4. **Gonzalo**

- a. Discuss Gonzalo's heritage.
- b. How did he learn English? How did Gonzalo's learning English affect his father?
- c. What does Gonzalo think of his Tio Juan and how the garden affects him?

5. **Leona**

- a. How is Leona connected with the others in the neighborhood?
- b. Discuss what Leona thinks about goldenrod.
- c. Discuss how she gets the vacant lot cleaned up.

6. **Sam**

- a. Discuss Sam's ethnic heritage and how he relates to the others in the neighborhood and in the community garden.
- b. How does Sam's choice of someone to help him in the garden affect that person?

- c. Discuss Sam's observations on how some of the gardeners deal with conflict in the garden.

Virgil

- a. Discuss Virgil's cultural heritage.
- b. Discuss Virgil's father and his ideas for the garden.

Sae Young

- a. Discuss Sae Young, her ethnic background and the business she and her husband ran.
- b. How does the garden help Sae Young overcome the problems that affected her?
- c. Discuss how the problem of getting water to the garden is solved.

Curtis

- a. Discuss Curtis, Lateesha and their relationship to each other and to the garden.
- b. Discuss Royce and how the garden affects him.

Nora

- a. Discuss Nora, her work and Mr. Myles. What is their relationship to the neighborhood?
- b. Discuss the garden's affects on both Nora and Mr. Myles.
- c. What is the common language Nora discovers through the garden?

11. **Maricela**

- a. Discuss Maricela's ethnic heritage and her relationship to the neighborhood.
- b. Discuss Maricela's feelings about the garden and how they changed over time.

Amir

- a. Where did Amir and his family come from? Discuss how Amir feels about the people and the place he comes from compared to Cleveland and America.
- b. Discuss what Amir believes is the greatest benefit of the garden.
- c. Discuss what Amir observes regarding the perception of others to strangers and those who are friends.

13. **Florence**

- a. Discuss Florence's ethnic heritage and her word for the ancestors who started a family in a particular place.
- b. Discuss Florence's observations about the effect of the garden on the owners of the apartment buildings in near the garden.

