




# Seedfolks Chapter Summaries

Use the following chapter summaries to help you make appropriate decisions for your students. Several chapters have been flagged in italics due to potentially sensitive content. Chapters 1-5 are provided in **A4L Texts**.

1. Kim – Young Vietnamese girl, plants lima beans in a vacant lot as a way to connect to her deceased father.
2. Ana – Elderly White woman, sees Kim in the lot and thinks she is up to no good, digs up Kim's beans and realizes her mistake.
3. Wendell – Retired White school janitor, his son and wife have been killed in accidents. He saves Kim's beans from dehydration.
4. Gonzalo – Guatemalan immigrant takes his Great Uncle Tío to the garden. His uncle finds his "language" while digging in the garden.
5. Leona – African American woman, distressed by the trash in the garden, persists until she gets the city to pick up the trash, plants goldenrod in honor of her grandmother.
-  6. Sam – *White man, "Philosopher," talks about the racial and ethnic divisions in the garden, convinces a teen not to plant marijuana in the garden.*
7. Virgil – Haitian fifth grade girl, her father plants lettuce to sell to restaurants, he tells lies to defend the large size of his garden plot.
-  8. Sae Young – *Korean woman who owned a dry cleaning shop, got robbed and beaten and becomes recluse, lured out by the garden and rejoins the community.*
9. Curtis – Young African American man, wants to win back his ex-girlfriend Latisha by growing tomatoes, hires Royce to watch over tomatoes
10. Nora – English woman, caretaker of Mr. Miles who lives on Gibb Street, takes Mr. Miles to the garden.
-  11. Maricella – *Mexican pregnant teen who is distressed about her situation, her GED program for pregnant teens has a plot in the garden, she has a brief moment of hope in the garden inspired by Leona.*
12. Amir – Immigrant from India, plants eggplant, onions, carrots and cauliflower, begins conversations with others in the garden that break misconceptions and stereotypes.
13. Florence – African American woman, talks about her great-grandparents who were *slaves* in the South and then settled in Colorado, her father calls them "Seedfolks" because they lay the seeds for the family to grow.