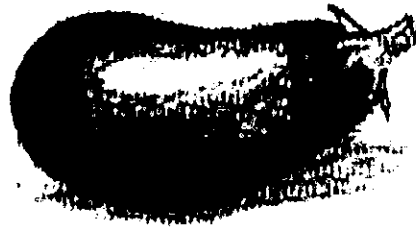


Her eyes became huge. She apologized to me over and over again. She kept saying,



“Back then, I didn’t know it was you....”

Reading Comprehension Questions

• *Literal Comprehension Questions*

Answer each of the following questions in one complete sentence:

1. What does Amir say is, “...the object in America...”?

Amir says, "The object in America is to avoid contact, to treat all as foes unless they're known to be friends."

2. What conversations does Amir say, “... tied us together”?

Amir says that the conversations he had with the other gardeners tied them together, and that because of his eggplants they had an excuse to break the rules and consider him a friend.

3. Who helped catch the purse thief?

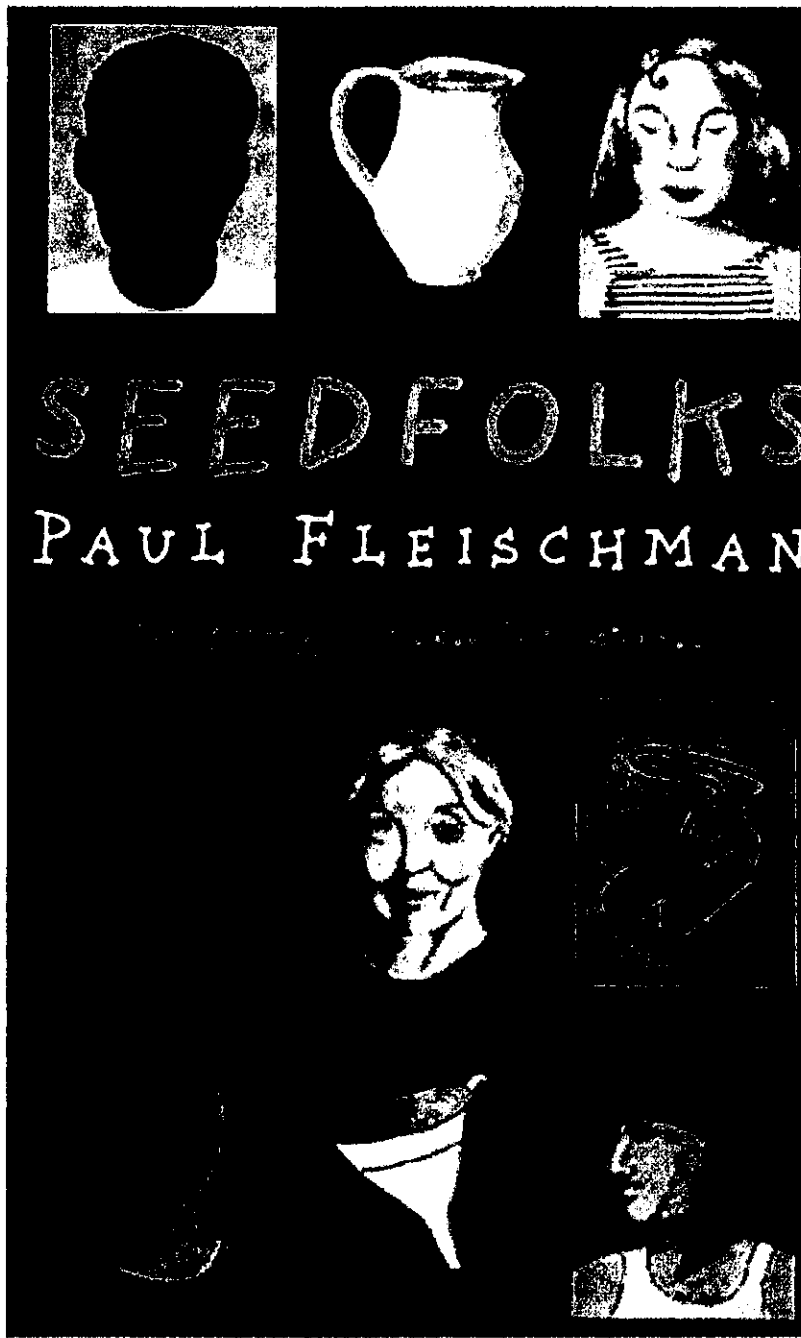
Royce, Amir, and an unnamed other all helped catch the purse thief. Royce held his pitchfork to the man while they waited for the police.

4. What had Amir heard about Polish men and women?

Before Amir met the Polish woman, he thought that Polish men were tough steelworkers and that Polish women cooked lots of cabbage. But after he heard about her time in the Nazi concentration camp, he realized that none of the rumours he had heard mattered, kind of like the useless shell around an almond.

5. What memory does the thinning of seedlings give the Polish woman?

This reminds her of her time at the concentration camp. Just like how the Germans separated the prisoners into healthy, or as good as dead. Kind of like how seed thinning allows the healthy ones to grow and leaves the unhealthy ones to die.



• **Inference Questions**

6. Choose and circle any two of the following adjectives / character traits that best describe Amir's character:

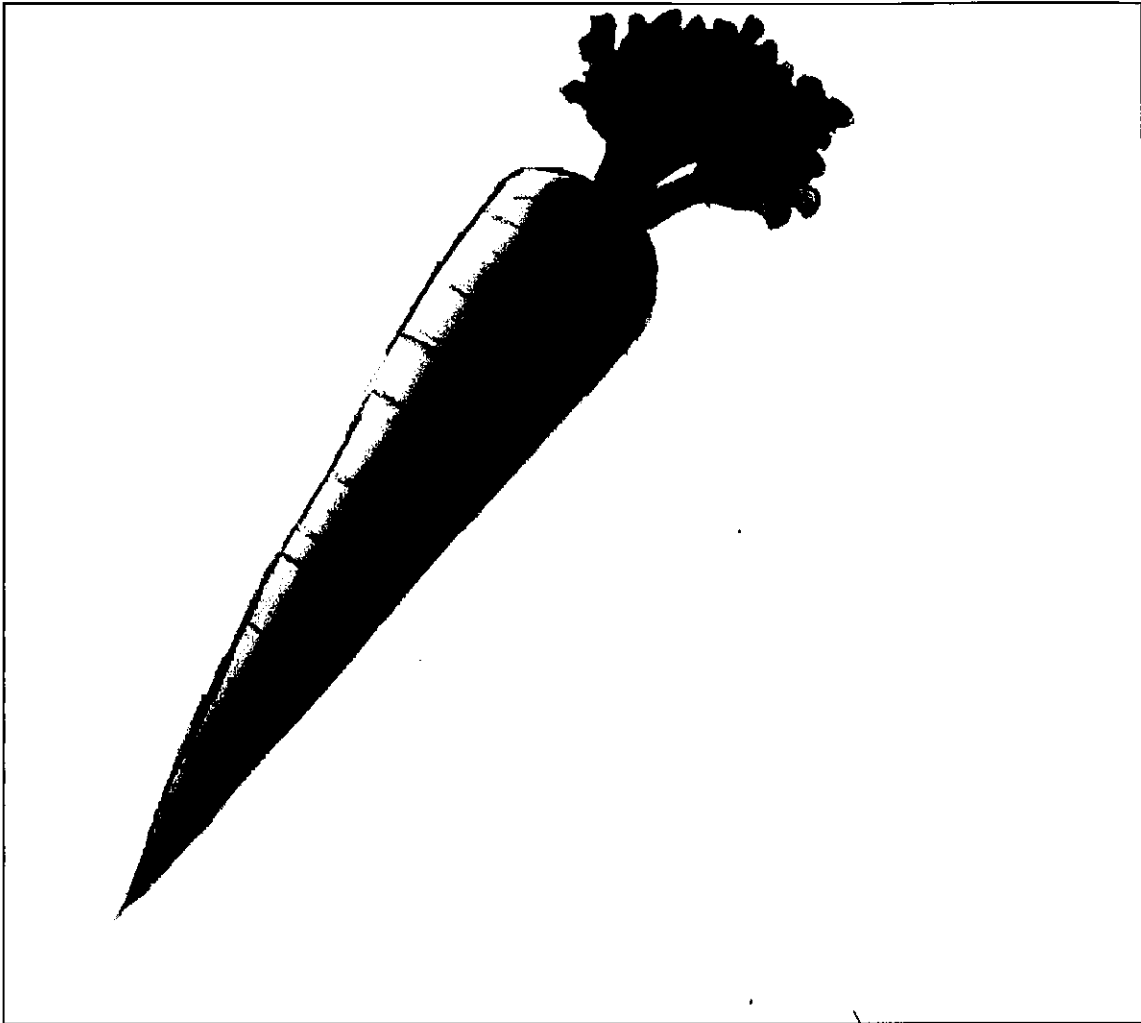
friendly ✓ *compassionate* *honest* *perceptive* *wise*
observant *cautious* *courageous* *adaptable* ✓

7 After circling your two choices, find a quote from Amir's chapter as evidence to support each of the two chosen character traits. Explain your reasons.

Trait	Evidence	Explanation
i. Adaptable	Quote: "Three men ran after him. I was very suprised I was one of them." Pg 76 ✓	This quote shows that without even knowing it Amir has grown accustomed to helping the others in the garden, even if they aren't considered friends. A quote he used before the garden was, "to treat all as foes unless they're known to be friends." He might not have known the woman or the two other men who ran after the thief. He adapted to treat the others in the garden like they were his friends, even if he didn't know them. ✓
ii Friendly	Quote: "She had gotten quite angry and called me- despite her accent- a dirty foreigner... Now that we were so friendly with each other I dared mention this." Pg 81 ✓	In this situation Amir could of shooed the woman away when he realized who the woman was. But instead of doing that he didn't. This shows that he was ok about what had happened between them in the past and because the woman and Amir are now good friends, and he just wanted to keep it at that. ✓

8. How has Amir changed because of the garden? Explain your answer using evidence and quotes from the text. (250 words maximum)

In this chapter of Seedfolks I think that Amir has changed greatly. One of the ways that he has changed is his view on the people around him. I think that because while he grew his crops the other gardeners admired some of the things he grew and talked to him in a friendly way. As proof of this Amir used the quote, "These conversations tied us together," to show how they had changed his way of life. Another situation in which Amir showed how much he has changed was when the truck dumped the tires on another gardeners corn. When this happened Amir said, "A man's four rows of corn were crushed. In an hour we had the tires on the curb. We were used to helping each other by then." This quote shows that even though he probably didn't know the man he and all the other gardeners had grown accustomed to helping each other as friends, not enemies. This quote also shows that they didn't just do it to do it, they did it fast and efficiently as they had a truckload of tires cleaned up in an hour. I think that In this chapter Amir changed his mindset from: Treat all as foes unless they are known to be friends, to Treat all as friends unless they are known to be enemies. ✓



Benchmark	Developing Towards Grade Level Expectation	Approaching Grade Level Expectation	Meeting Grade Level Expectation	Exceeding Grade Level Expectation
2.5 Demonstrates comprehension of literary and informational texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overly short and lacking information Limited inference Insufficient evidence to support responses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates some understanding of aspects of the author's craft Makes some inferences Some supporting detail using information from the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates understanding of the author's craft: content, point of view, word choice, plot, character development Infers for deeper meaning Effective supporting detail using information from the text 	<p>Comprehension exceeds grade level expectation. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyses texts more deeply or with greater maturity or sophistication

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