

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts

Summer Reading Requirements:

Book: Seedfolks

Students will read the book Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman and complete the following two assignments for a grade

- A character analysis
- A "One Pager" reflection on the content

Both of these assignments are due to Ms. Kara on the first day of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

## One Pager Directions:

1. A one pager is a single-page response to your reading. It is a way of making your pattern of your unique understanding. It is a way to be creative and experimental. It is a way to respond imaginatively and honestly. It is a way to be brief and compressed.
2. The **purpose** of a one-pager is to own what you are reading. We learn best when we can create our own patterns.
3. A one-pager connects the verbal and the visual; it connects the ideas in what you read to your thoughts. It connects words and images. The one-pager becomes a metaphor for the reading you have done.
4. When you do a one-pager, **do *all*** of these:
  - a. Pull out a quotation or two, using them to explore one of your own ideas, and write them on the page (perhaps using a different colored pen).
  - b. Use visual images, to create a visual focus.
  - c. Cluster around a dominant impression, feeling or thought you have while reading.
  - d. Ask a question or two and answer it (them).
  - e. Create the one-pager so that your audience will understand something about the reading from what you do.
  - f. Feel free to use colored pens or pencils.
5. What not to do:
  - a. Don't merely summarize.
  - b. Don't be restricted by the lines on the paper. Use unlined paper.
  - c. Don't think a half a page will do—make it rich with quotes and images.
6. Grading: full credit depends on completeness (and imagination counts, too.)

# SEEDFOLKS CHARACTER CHART

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CHARACTER NAME	CULTURE	AGE	DETAILS ABOUT THE CHARACTER	CHARACTER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GARDEN
KIM				
ANA				
WENDELL				
GONZALO				

CHARACTER NAME	CULTURE	AGE	DETAILS ABOUT THE CHARACTER	CHARACTER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GARDEN
LEONA				
SAM				
VIRGIL				
SAE YOUNG				

CHARACTER NAME	CULTURE	AGE	DETAILS ABOUT THE CHARACTER	CHARACTER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GARDEN
CURTIS				
NORA				
MARICELA				
AMIR				