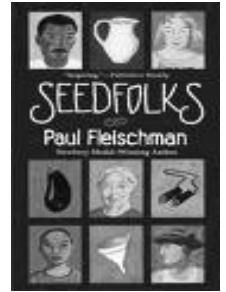




Seedfolks



MHS: 9th Grade Summer Reading Assignment: Tasks 1 & 2

TASK 1 Directions: Seedfolks, by Paul Fleischman, is a novel about the importance of community. Using Seedfolks as a springboard, write a five paragraph essay using the format below. As these are opinions, there are no right or wrong answers; however, you will not receive full credit unless you explain yourself completely. Be sure to look at the rubric provided to help you as you write.

Format:

- I. **Introduction** (Be sure to include a thesis statement, title of the book and the author)
- II. **Choose the character with which you most identify and why**
- III. **Choose the character that you most dislike and explain why**
- IV. **Choose the character who you believe has the most challenging situation and explain why**
- V. **Conclusion**

Guidelines:

- Follow the format provided
- Standard paragraphs contain at least five (5) sentences
- Compose a complete rough draft and compare to rubric
- Give your rough draft to someone else for editing
- Pay attention to mechanics (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.)

TASK 2 Directions: Keeping Fleischman's theme of community in mind, write an additional chapter in Seedfolks. This additional chapter may appear at any point in the novel. The title of the chapter should be your first name and must include all of the following:

- Your name as the title
- An explanation of your personal situation
- What you would plant in the community garden
- The ways you would contribute to the community and/or the project
- Your chapter should be at least two handwritten pages or two typed pages that are double-spaced
- Pay attention to mechanics (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.)

YOU MUST COMPLETE BOTH TASKS!

Name

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Summer Reading Assignment Essay Rubric

CATEGORY	A	B	C	D	F
<p>Meaning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Covered all areas of topic ✓ Maintained focus of essay 					
<p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Every paragraph had at least five sentences ✓ Opinion stated for each topic ✓ Provided enough details to explain opinions ✓ Five (5) paragraph minimum met/ exceeded 					
<p>Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Essay had a beginning, middle and an end ✓ Paragraphs and ideas flowed easily from one to the next ✓ Essay made sense as written 					
<p>Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Attempt at using sophisticated vocabulary and writing style ✓ No use of slang or inappropriate language 					
<p>Conventions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Essay free from errors of spelling, grammar, etc. ✓ Final draft neatly written in ink, on loose leaf/ typed 					

FINAL GRADE: _____