## **A4L Notebook**

### **Unit 4 Planting a Community**

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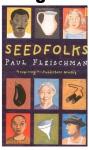
#### **UNIT OVERVIEW FOR STUDENTS**

Planting a Community

This is the path Unit 4 takes to create a Seedfolks performance.

#### Part 1





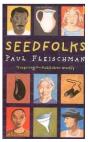






#### Part 2

Learning about characters and theme by creating motifs and our Seedfolks composition







### Part 3

Sharing our Seedfolks music composition for an invited audience



# Seedfolks Character Chart

Character	Basic facts about Kim	What did Kim do in the garden? Did she interact with another character?
Kim		
Character	Basic facts about Ana	What did Ana do in the garden? Did she interact with another character?
Ana		
Character	Basic facts about Wendell	What did Wendell do in the garden? Did he interact with another character?
Wendell		

# Seedfolks Character Chart Continued

Look back at your annotations. What kind of person is Kim? What was she feeling throughout the chapter? Did she change?	What <u>sounds</u> can you use to represent Kim's feelings and transformation?
Look back at your annotations. What kind of person is Ana? What was she feeling throughout the chapter? Did she change?	What sounds can you use to represent Ana's feelings and transformation?
Look back at your annotations. What kind of person is Wendell? What was he feeling throughout the chapter? Did he change?	What <u>sounds</u> can you use to represent Wendell's feelings and transformation?

#### Reflection Journal - Kim

#### **Directions:**

- What have *you* learned from the character?
- What do you think is the *most important thing* to remember about the character?
- Did this character, or something that happened in the chapter, make you *think of an experience in your own life*?

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Notation Chart - Kim

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#### **COMPOSER'S QUESTIONS - KIM**

THEME:	

Directions: Use these questions to guide your composing process. Before you complete your composition, talk with your ensemble about each question and then check it off each question and/or write notes for yourself.

□ What characteristic, emotion, and/or change are we showing through music?
<ul> <li>☐ How will we begin and end the theme?</li> <li>○ Will we start and end with the same instrument; start with one instrument and end with another; or end with all our instruments?</li> </ul>
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□ Which music elements (dynamics, duration, pitch, timbre) will change?
□ Should we use counting off to help us organize our sounds? □ Have we fulfilled all the criteria for a theme?

#### Reflection Journal - Ana

#### **Directions:**

- What have *you* learned from the character?
- What do you think is the *most important thing* to remember about the character?
- Did this character, or something that happened in the chapter, make you *think of an experience in your own life*?

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#### **COMPOSER'S QUESTIONS – ANA**

THEME:
Directions: Use these questions to guide your composing process. Before you complete your composition, talk with your ensemble about each question and then check it off each question and/or write notes for yourself.
□ What characteristic, emotion, and/or change are we showing through music?
<ul> <li>How will we begin and end the theme?</li> <li>Will we start and end with the same instrument; start with one instrument and end with another; or end with all our instruments?</li> </ul>
□ Which instruments will overlap?

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☐ Which music elements (dynamics, duration, pitch, timbre) will change?

 $\square$  Should we use counting off to help us organize our sounds?

☐ Have we fulfilled all the criteria for a theme?

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### **First TRAIL Marker**



Reflecting on Reading and Music

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#### Reflection Journal - Wendell

#### **Directions:**

- What have *you* learned from the character?
- What do you think is the *most important thing* to remember about the character?
- Did this character, or something that happened in the chapter, make you *think of an experience in your own life*?

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# Seedfolks Character Chart

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# Seedfolks Character Chart Continued

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#### **Directions:**

- What have *you* learned from the character?
- What do you think is the *most important thing* to remember about the character?
- Did this character, or something that happened in the chapter, make you *think of an experience in your own life*?

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## **Second TRAIL Marker**



Reflecting on Reading and Music

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## Seedfolks Central Theme

# **Brainstorm** The central story theme of Seedfolks could be... The central theme of Seedfolks is...

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#### **Third TRAIL Marker**

Reflecting on Reading and Music



Directions: Take a step back and reflect on what you are learning about reading and music.

My ensemble performed	Theme.
1. My ensemble wanted to show that	
2. In our theme, we showed these things by	
(Describe how you decided to play your t	theme.)

3.	What Central Story Theme did your class choose for your Seedfolks Composition?
	The central theme we chose for the book is:
	This theme is a good fit for the story because
1.	Think about your favorite part of the unit. This can be something you read, music you created, or our whole class composition. Talk with a partner and then write about your choices here.
	My favorite part of the unit is
	• I liked it because