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Seeds Of Thought

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Form an **opinion** about the events, characters, or ideas in the text. Write your answers in **complete sentences**. Always include **reasons or examples from the passage** to support your opinion.

The School Garden

At Lincoln Middle School, the science teacher suggested starting a school garden. Some students loved the idea, imagining rows of vegetables and flowers. Others complained that it would be too much work and take up their free time. When the principal approved the plan, students signed up for different jobs: planting, watering, and keeping the soil healthy. At first, many students didn't show up, but a few kept working anyway. Slowly, the plants began to grow, and the garden attracted butterflies and birds. By the end of the semester, even the students who had doubted the project admitted it looked beautiful. The garden became a favorite spot for eating lunch and reading outside.

1. Do you think starting the school garden was a good idea? Why or why not?
2. Which group of students do you agree with more: the ones who were excited or the ones who thought it was too much work? Explain.
3. In your opinion, what was the most important benefit of the garden? Support your answer with details.
4. Do you think the project should continue next year? Why?
5. Would you personally enjoy working in a school garden? Give reasons for your answer.