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The main idea is that Smallville Park serves as a sanctuary where individuals, regardless of their stages in life, find comfort, escape, and even inspiration.

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Sarah uses the park as an escape where she can delve into her books and explore other worlds.

For Martin, the park serves as a stable environment that brings solace in a changing world.