

MOVIE QUESTIONS: MCFARLAND USA

Scene 1: Opening Credits

1. What made Coach White leave his job in Idaho?

Scene 2: Low Riders

2. On their first night in McFarland, the White family goes out to dinner at a restaurant called "Tacos El Cazador". What do they end up ordering?
3. Why does the family feel nervous when the guys in the low rider cars come through the center of town? Who does the family think they think they are?
4. Why did Jim take the job in McFarland?

Scene 3: First Day of School

5. How do Jamie and Julie feel about the first day of school in McFarland?
6. Why was Tomás Valles in Principal Camilo's office?
7. Why did Sra. Díaz pull her boys out of P.E. class?

Scene 4: The Football Team

8. Why didn't Coach White want Johnny to go back into the football game?
9. What was the score of the first football game?

Scene 5: Life In McFarland

10. What woke the White family up early in the morning?
11. What did Señora Soto, their neighbor, give Jim as a welcome present?
12. Who is Javi?

Scene 6: The P.E. Coach

13. Why did Principal Camilo ask Jim White to step down from being a football coach?
14. What did Coach White and his daughter, Jamie, notice about Johnny, Victor and some of the other boys in the P.E. class?

Scene 7: Running To School

15. How did Tomás and the Díaz brothers get to school every morning?
16. What kind of work did they do before school?

Scene 8: Building A Team

17. Jim White had to convince Principal Camilo that McFarland needs to start a cross country team. What are the reasons he gave him?
18. What was the reason Tomás ran to and from school each day?
19. Why didn't Coach White and the other runners think Danny Díaz would be very fast?

Scene 9: First Race

20. How did the McFarland Cross Country Team do at the Palo Alto Invitational? In what place did they finish?

Scene 10: First Loss

21. According to Coach White, why did the team lose?

Scene 11: The Almond Hills

22. Why does the team run almond hills and not other hills?

Scene 12: Family Troubles

23. This scene shows Tomás' father home after being away for a long time working out of the area. Why was his father so angry?

24. Why was Julie upset with her father? What did he forget?

25. Why was Tomás thinking about jumping off of the bridge?

26. Briefly describe the painting on the wall of the White family's house. What is it of?

Scene 13: Blanco's Bike

27. Why did the team start calling Jim "Blanco".

28. Where did he get the Barbie bike?

Scene 14: Dual Meet

29. Who won the dual meet of McFarland vs Clovis?

30. What was the score of the meet?

Scene 15: Dinner With The Díaz Family

31. Where did Cheryl White wait while her car was being fixed?
32. Why did the Díaz brothers have to quit the team?
33. Why do you think Jim kept eating so many enchiladas during dinner?
34. What mistake did Jim make when talking to Mr. Díaz?

Scene 16: A Day Of Picking

35. Why do you think that Jim went and picked with the Díaz family on Saturday?
36. How did Mr. Díaz get paid?
37. How old were the Díaz brothers when they began working in the fields with their father?
38. What were some difficulties Jim experienced while picking that day?

Scene 17: Car Wash

39. Why did the community hold a tamale sale and car wash?
40. What did José Cardenas write his poetry about?

Scene 18: Orange Grove

41. What did Coach White tell the team about their future while in the orange grove?
42. What else did Coach White get the boys to think about regarding their futures?
43. How did Tomás' dad react when he talked to him about college?

Scene 19: State Qualifier

44. What was Danny so afraid of before the race?
45. How did the reaction of the McFarland team differ from the other teams' reactions when they found out the race results?
46. Where did the team stop after the race on the way back to McFarland?

Scene 20: New Uniforms And A Quinceañera

47. What was so funny about the new hats the team got?
48. Who helped Jim put on a Quinceañera party for his daughter?
49. Who was the chambelan de honor (Julie's date for the night)?

Scene 21: Trouble In Town

50. What happened when Julie was paraded around the town after her Quinceañera party?

Scene 22: Palo Alto?

51. Why do you think Jim was considering taking the Palo Alto job?

Scene 23: Ready For State

52. What are some things the town of McFarland did to celebrate and get ready for the big race? How did they show their support for the team?

Scene 24: The Big Race

53. What did José Cardenas do during the race that put the team in jeopardy?
54. In what place did Tomás finish?

55. What did Danny Díaz do in the end that surprised everyone?

Scene 25: The Real McFarland

56. How many state cross country championships did McFarland win in 14 years while Jim White was coach?

57. Where does Jim White live to this day?