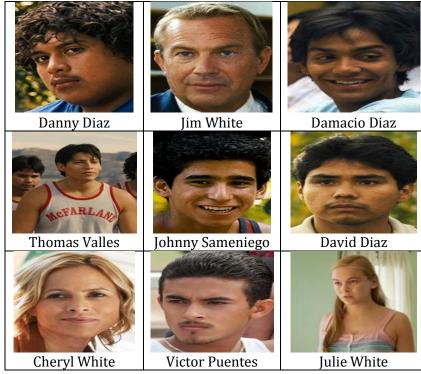
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Character Reference Chart



Instructions: As you watch the video, please answer each question. The answers are in chronological order.

- 1. What did Coach White throw at the football player inside the locker room?
- 2. What is the name of the high school Coach White gets hired to teach at?
- 3. When Johnny Sameniego meets Coach White he tells him that he plays football. What number does Johnny wear?

- 4. What does Coach White's neighbor give him as a welcoming gift?
- 5. What sport does Coach White want to coach?
- 6. Who does Coach White put in charge of recruiting students for the cross-country team?
- 7. Who is the "anchor" of the cross-country team?
- 8. What score does the McFarland cross-country team get at the Palo Alto Invitational?
- 9. What does Cheryl White want Coach White to pick up for Julie's birthday?
- 10. Who does Coach White see sitting at the edge of the bridge?
- 11. The second dual meet is between McFarland vs.
- 12. **Making inferences:** Why do you think it was important for Coach White to work out in the fields with his runners?

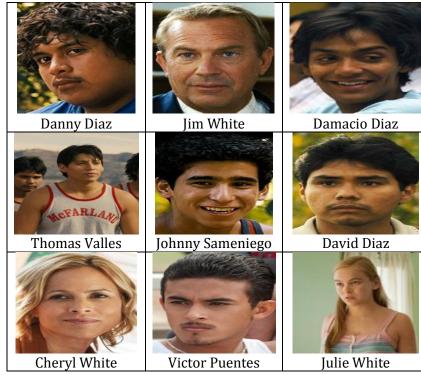
13. List the two things that the McFarland cross-country team did in order to fundraise for new uniforms and shoes?

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14. Thomas Valles' father tells him: "Nobody ever needed a in the"	Critical Thinking: Hollywood versus Real Life
15. At the Stallion Oak State Qualifier, a coach approached Coach White to tell him that they are interested in him. What school is this coach from?	
16. What place did McFarland get at the Stallion Oak State Qualifier?	The following facts were changed in the movie:
17. What word is misspelled on the uniforms?	• The real Jim White started coaching at McFarland HS in 1980 instead of 1987 as stated by the movie.
18. What kind of party does Coach White throw for his daughter Julie (hint: the answer is in Spanish)?	 The rise of the cross-country team took place over several years and not just one year as portrayed in the movie. Coach White did not create the cross-country team at McFarland HS (he resurrected the team).
19. What school does Coach White interview with?	 Jim White was never fired from a previous school for losing his temper. In fact, he taught in the <i>McFarland School District</i> since 1964. He did not arrive at McFarland on his last leg after being fired.
20. What happened to Jose during the race at the CIF State Cross Country Championship?	 Jim White and Cheryl White have three daughters. McFarland HS is not located across the street from a prison. Coach White did help the boys work in the fields various times (not just once).
21. Which runner gets 5 th place at the CIF State Cross Country Championship?	 Most of their opponents were not snobby rich kids as portrayed in the movie. Danny Diaz was not overweight.
22. Which team wins 1^{st} place at the CIF State Cross Country Championship?	Do you think that a movie can advertise itself as "A True Story" when so much of the story has been changed? Explain.
23. How many state titles has McFarland High won in the span of 14 years?	
24. From what university did Danny Diaz graduate from?	

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4. What does Coach White's neighbor give him as a welcoming gift? A chicken
5. What sport does Coach White want to coach? <mark>Cross Country Running</mark>
6. Who does Coach White put in charge of recruiting students for the cross-country team? Johnny Sameniego
7. Who is the "anchor" of the cross-country team? Danny Diaz
8. What score does the McFarland cross-country team get at the Palo Alto Invitational? $\frac{104}{100}$
9. What does Cheryl White want Coach White to pick up for Julie's birthday? <mark>A cake</mark>
10. Who does Coach White see sitting at the edge of the bridge? Thomas Valles
11. The second dual meet was between McFarland vs Clovis High
12. Making inferences: Why do you think it was important for Coach White to work out in the fields with his runners? He was able to understand why they were quitting the time, and he was able to work around it. He empathized with his runners and it showed that he was willing to step into their world.
13. List the two things that the McFarland cross-country team did in order to fundraise for new uniforms and shoes? Sell tamales and wash cars
14. Thomas Valles' father tells him: "Nobody ever needed a in the" book; fields

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15. At the Stallion Oak State Qualifier, a coach approached Coach White to tell him that they are interested in him. What school was this coach from? Palo Alto	
16. What place did McFarland get at the Stallion Oak State Qualifier? ^{4th}	
17. What word is misspelled on the uniforms? Cougars	•
18. What kind of party does Coach White throw for his daughter Julie (hint: the answer is in Spanish)? Quinceañera	,
19. What school does Coach White interview with? Palo Alto High School	,
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State University



Critical Thinking: Hollywood versus Real Life



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Answers will vary. Discuss answers in whole group.	