

Discussion Questions for *Hoosiers*

Some of the major characters to watch for: Coach Norman Dale, Myra Fleener, Shooter, Jimmy Chitwood

1. Throughout the film, Coach Dale deals with an overwhelming amount of criticism, resistance, and hostility. Who opposes him and how does he deal with it? What lesson would you like to take away from this?
2. Coach Dale finds a way to develop leaders around him. Comment on how he does this with the boys and especially with Shooter.
3. Comment on the character of Myra Fleener. She protects Jimmy from undue influence, becomes acting principal, and stands up for Coach Dale in the face of significant pressure, among other leadership behaviors.
4. At the beginning of the movie, Coach Dale is very tough on the players. At the end of the movie, he says “I love you guys.” Comment on what, if anything, changed. What does your answer imply about leadership?