

Inside the Gates

1. On page 1, where is Francisco headed? How is he getting there? When he was 4 years old, where did he travel and how?
2. What luggage does he carry on the plane?
3. Describe his dorm room.
4. What did Francisco read to give himself courage? What did he read about?
5. Why was he surprised at the no-women rule in the dorm?
6. Francisco was given \$1000 to pay room and board. Why was money so tight for him?
7. What was the name of his dorm building? Who was it named for? What was it also known as?
8. As he sat on the stairs, he thought about his alma mater. What's an alma mater? They don't tell us until later what his was? Any guesses?
9. He felt out of place at the reception. What are some things that made him feel that way?

Outside the Gates

10. What did Francisco do on the train that created a commotion? Why did he do it?
11. What are some things Francisco saw as he toured Manhattan?

The Breakup

12. Why did Laura break up with Francisco?

First Encounters

13. What were Francisco's feelings about the meeting with his advisor?
14. Describe Francisco's first friend at Columbia.
15. Phillip is disillusioned by American government. Why? Francisco, although disappointed, is not disillusioned. Why?

A Revolution

16. Francisco found one supportive professor. Who? What did he teach? Why did Francisco like that class so much?

Solitary Days

17. How did Francisco spend his Christmas holiday?

Ups and Downs

18. What grades did he receive in his classes? How did he celebrate?

19. What did Phillip convince Francisco to do? Was it successful?

Harlem Next Door

20. What class did Francisco's advisor recommend that he take? Who taught it?

21. Which of Lorea's writings interested Francisco the most? Why?

22. Francisco remembered visiting a coffee shop in Paso Robles with a friend. Why didn't they eat there?

Choices Made

23. Francisco has to choose whether to continue his education at Columbia or at Stanford. Which does he choose? Why?

24. What are Francisco's summer plans?

25. What major decision does Francisco make that summer?

A Surprise

26. What steps does Francisco take to save money?

27. Describe the ring that Francisco purchased for Laura. How did he give it to her?

Concentration

28. What does Francisco select as his thesis topic? Why?

29. What did Professor Iduarte do that made Francisco tear up?

30. Francisco is influenced by the thinking of Jose Marti and Gregorio Lopez y Fuentes about social justice. What did they say about race?