

## Cinderella Man Essay Test

### Pick Five Questions. 150-200 Words for Each Essay

1. What were your first impressions of Jim Braddock? What is it that makes him a likeable character?
2. How is the poverty and hardship of the Great Depression shown in the movie? How do the Braddock's deal with some of their problems? (Give 3-5 examples)
3. Why do you think Jim continues to box even when he has such bad injuries? What does this say about his character?
4. How important a role does Jim's family play in his life and career? How do they inspire him to win?
5. What effect does Jim's boxing have on Mae? How do you think you would handle it if you were in her situation?
6. Why do you think Jim is nicknamed the Cinderella Man?
7. Why do you think Jim Braddock inspired people so much, especially during that time period? Do you think his story is just as inspirational today?
8. Why do you think Jim agrees to fight Max Baer, despite knowing the danger he will be in? In his situation, would you have done the same?
9. How is Jim a positive role model? In what ways do you feel he was a hero?
10. What do you think was the overall message of the movie? How does that overall message relate to the Great Depression?

### Main Characters

**Jim Braddock**  
**Mae Braddock** (wife)  
**Jay** (stole the salami)  
**Howard** (Middle Child)  
**Rosie** (Daughter)  
**Joe Gould** (Jim's manager)  
**Mr. Johnston** (Took away Jim's license)  
**Mike Wilson** (Jim's friend that dies)  
**Sara Wilson** (Mike's wife)  
**Abe Feldman** (Jim broke his hand)

**Corn Griffin** (1st fight)  
**John Henry Lewis** (African American fighter)  
**Art Lasky** (fighter that knocked Jim's mouthpiece out)  
**Max Baer** (world champion)