

Cinderella Man Questions

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1. Briefly describe the following aspects of Jim Braddock's life in the beginning of the film **BEFORE** the Great Depression:

Boxing Career/ Reputation:

Housing Neighborhood:

Clothing:

Income:

Relationship with Family:

2. What type of job does Braddock work during the Great Depression? What prevents him from working this job on a consistent basis?

3. **THROUGHOUT THE FILM**, list and describe 3 examples of how people reacted and survived the Great Depression:

4. After working the docks, Jim Braddock and his co-worker Mike Wilson discuss the situation of the Great Depression. How do **BOTH** Braddock and Wilson view the situation?

5. Why does Braddock become upset when he finds out his wife sent the kids away to her family? What does he do to get his kids back?

6. Watch for this in several scenes: Why does Braddock have such a strong reputation with the crowd and people of New York when he returns to boxing after his injury? How does he earn his nickname, “Cinderella Man”?
7. When Braddock’s trainer Joe Gould offers Jim another fight after winning the first, how does Jim’s wife Mae react and why does she react that way?
8. When Mae confronts Joe at his house what does she find out? When Joe steps out of the room, what does Joe’s wife say to Mae that relates to how women felt during the Great Depression?
9. What did Braddock use as motivation to help win his boxing matches throughout the film?
10. Explain what a “Hooverville” was and describe how it is displayed in the movie:
11. During the press conference for the championship bout, what does Braddock say he is fighting for this time round and what do you think it means?
12. Where does Mae go before Braddock’s championship fight? What does she realize while she is there?
13. What is the final result of the championship bout between Jim Braddock and Max Baer?
14. How did this film help you to understand what it was like for many people during the Great Depression?