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Cinderella Man & The Great Depression

1. How much money did Braddock win during his 1928 fight?

2. During the 1920's, what kind of lifestyle were the Braddock's maintaining?

3. How did that change by 1933? Describe their living conditions.

4. How much money was Braddock's fight in 1933 worth?

5. Why did the son steal Salami? Would you return the Salami if you were in the same position?

6. What does Mrs. Braddock want to do with the kids? Why?

7. Why did Braddock paint over his cast with nail polish?
8. What was Mike Wilson's previous job? When did he lose his money?
9. What are Hoovervilles?
10. What is Mike Wilson's view of the Government and Unions? How is it different than Braddock's view of Unions and Government?
11. What is the significance of Braddock telling Mrs. Braddock that he is "all prayed out?" Why does he say this?
12. Why are the Braddock's taking wood from the Billboard?
13. Do you think it was the right thing for Mrs. Braddock to do when she sent her kids to live with their other family member?

14. Describe the life of the people Braddock walked by while in New York City:
15. Why does Braddock go to NYC? What happens?
16. How much was the purse from the fight? How much did Braddock owe? How much money was he left with?
17. Why does Mrs. Braddock not want Jim to fight? Why does Jim want to start boxing again?
18. Why does Mrs. Braddock go to Joe's (Braddock's manager) apartment building?
19. What is Joe's apartment like?
20. What is Joe's rationale for wanting Braddock to fight again?

21. Why is Mike Wilson's wife with the Braddocks? Where is Mike currently sleeping?
22. What does Mrs. Wilson think Mike is doing?
23. Describe the living conditions in the Hooverville:
24. What happened to Mike Wilson?
25. Why did Braddock give his relief money back?
26. Does Braddock's career as a boxer (up to this point) resemble what was going on in society at this point in time? Why? Give your opinion.
27. Why does Braddock say that he's "fighting for milk"?
28. Was the Boxing Commissioner showing Braddock that footage to scare him or to "inform" him? Give your opinion.

29. What's Mrs. Braddock's opinion of the fight against Max Baer?
30. While Jim Braddock is on his way to the fight, what kind of reaction does he receive from the people on the street?
31. What does the priest tell Mrs. Braddock in the church when she goes to "pray for Jim"?
32. What is the public's reaction to the fight? At Madison Square Garden? In Braddock's church? At the Braddock's house? In the streets? Are they rooting for Baer or Braddock?
33. What did Braddock do for his country after his boxing career?

Cinderella Man Review Questions

1. What Gender roles were prevalent in the movie? How did men view the role of women at home/in the workplace? How did women view the role of men when it came to earning money for the family? As Jim's Manager's wife said; "we wait for them to make it all better, and they can't, it's the world that's broken."
2. Why did the American people treat Jim like he was a Superhero during this comeback and after his fight against Baer?
3. What does it say about the character and mindset of Jim Braddock – who after gaining fame and fortune in boxing, still served in WWII and helped build the Verrazano Bridge?