# Cinderella Man Essay Assignment

**Introduction to the Movie: The Great Depression was a difficult time for many families. Many families suffered economic hardships as well as emotional distress. In the film Cinderella Man, we learn the story of prize fighter Jimmy Braddock and his family. Throughout the film, we see the terrible hardship that Jimmy Braddock and his family endure as a result of the Great Depression. It is a great depiction of how difficult life was for many during the 1930s.**

***Essay Assignment: After viewing the film, you will be writing a five paragraph essay. Your essay should be organized in the following manner…***

**Paragraph 1 = This should be your introductory paragraph. It should contain a thesis statement and incorporate the themes of economic hardship, emotional distress, and family unity. For your thesis focus on the following question: *How did the Great Depression impact the Braddock family during the 1930s?***

**Paragraph 2 = This paragraph should focus on the economic hardship endured by the Braddock family. Select two scenes from the film that accurately displays the economic challenges faced by the Braddock family during the Depression. Be sure to give a detailed description of each scene and explain how it illustrates the theme of economic hardship.**

**Paragraph 3 = This paragraph should focus on the emotional distress experienced by the Braddock family. Select two scenes from the film that accurately depicts the emotional stress placed on the members of the Braddock family. Be sure to give a detailed description of the each scene and explain how it illustrates the theme of emotional distress.**

**Paragraph 4 = This paragraph should focus on the importance of family unity for Jimmy Braddock and his wife, Mae. Select two scenes from the film that accurately depicts the importance of family unity to the Braddock's. Be sure to give a detailed description of each scene and explain how the scenes show the importance of family unity.**

**Paragraph 5 = This should be your conclusion. Your conclusion should summarize the main points of your essay and tie up any loose ends.**

***Please note: Your essay should be typed, double-spaced on 8.5″ x 11″ paper with one inch margins. You should use 12 pt font. All grammar and spelling rules apply.**

**See the back of this sheet for the grading criteria that will be used to evaluate your paper.**

**Due Date_____**

**Grading Criteria for the Cinderella Man Essay**

**Name_____**

**Period_____**

**_____/5 points = Paragraph 1 = Did you have a strong introduction with a clear thesis? Does the introduction clearly show the direction that your paper is headed?**

**_____/5 points = Paragraph 2 = Did you have two scenes that showed the economic hardship faced by the Braddock family? Did you explain the scenes in detail and how they illustrate the economic distress placed on the family?**

**_____/5 points = Paragraph 3 = Did you have two scenes that showed the emotional distress faced by the Braddock family? Did you explain the scenes in detail and how they illustrate the emotional distress placed on the family?**

**_____/5 points = Paragraph 4 = Did you have two scenes that showed the importance of family unity to the Braddock family? Did you explain the scenes in detail and explain how they illustrate the importance of family unity to the Braddock's?**

**_____/5 points = Paragraph 5 = Did you have a strong conclusion? Did you summarize the main points of your paper and tie everything together?**

**_____/5 points = Grammar and Spelling = Was your paper free of typos, grammar mistakes, spelling errors, etc.?**

**Total Points Possible for the Essay = _____/30 points**

**Your essay score will go into the ASSESSMENT CATEGORY.**