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**Cinderella Man Discussion Questions**

1. 1. What struggles did James J. Braddock face throughout the movie? (Describe 3)
2. 2. What issues do people today deal with that are similar to those of the Braddock family? How are today's issues different? Explain.
3. 3. The Great Depression affected everyone to some degree. How were the people in the movie affected? How were the different socio-economic classes affected?
4. 4. Doing what is right is sometimes difficult. How difficult was it for Braddock to pay off his debt to the government at a time when no one was giving back?

1. 5. The scene where Braddock's son explains why he stole is extremely powerful. Would you steal if your family hadn't eaten in a week, or if your family's ability to stay together depended on it? How do you feel about the ethics of this decision?
2. 6. Braddock states that he knows what he is fighting for: milk. How does that make you feel about what you have today? Should we be ashamed for having Xboxes, big screen TVs, cell phones, and the latest digital cameras? Although Braddock was fighting for milk, he knew that winning also meant fame and money. Do you think that he wanted this fame? Why or why not?
3. 7. Many times it today's society is critiqued for being lazy. Is it? Why or why not? Could you have shown the same determination that Braddock did to succeed? Explain.
4. 8. How has this movie changed the way you view the struggles your grandparents and great grandparents went through?
5. 9. Members of Max Baer's family have criticized the portrayal of Max Baer in this film for not being accurate. Max Baer was personally devastated by the in-ring death of one of his opponents and suffered nightmares about it for decades. How do you feel about the way the filmmakers changed the character? Is this ethical? Why or why not?

10. Recently, our Government has tried to ensure that financial ruin does not happen in the US by buyouts etc. At the same time, they have extended health care coverage etc. Do you agree or disagree with this Government involvement in our lives? Explain.