

**US History**  
**The Great Depression**  
*Cinderella Man* – Essay

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.

The essay should be three paragraphs long. Each paragraph should focus on a different theme from the Great Depression, economic hardship, emotional stress, and the struggle for family unity. Each paragraph should have detailed descriptions of scenes from the movie and detailed evidence from class backing it up.

**Paragraph 1:**

This paragraph should focus on the economic hardship endured by the Braddock family. Select one scene 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 the scene and explain how it illustrates the theme of economic hardship during the depression by giving examples from class notes, simulations, and accounts from the depression.

**Paragraph 2:**

This paragraph should focus on the emotional stress experienced by the Braddock family. Select one scene 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 scene and explain how it illustrates the theme of emotional distress during the depression by giving examples from class notes, simulations, and accounts from the depression.

**Paragraph 3:**

This paragraph should focus on the struggle for family unity for Jimmy Braddock and his wife, Mae. Select one scene from the film that accurately depicts the struggle for family unity for the Braddock's and other families during the depression. Be sure to give a detailed description of the scene and explain how the scenes show the struggle for family unity during the depression by giving examples from class notes, simulations, and accounts from the depression.

**Paragraph 1**

Detailed Scene Description (3 pts)  
Class Evidence (3 pts)

**Paragraph 3**

Detailed Scene Description (3 pts)  
Class evidence (3 pts)

**Paragraph 2**

Detailed Scene Description (3 pts)  
Class Evidence (3 pts)

**Overall Presentation (2 pts)**

**Total Points (20 pts)**