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Viewing Guide for:
CINDERELLA MAN
(2005; dir. Ron Howard)

Introduction: *Cinderella Man* is based on the life and career of boxer James J Braddock. The film begins in the good times of the 1920s but is set mostly in the bad times of the Great Depression. Basically, the film dramatizes the hard times faced by Braddock and his family as they struggle to survive during the Great Depression. Additionally, it also shows how Braddock was able to overcome the challenges he and his family faced. Furthermore, it also reveals how Braddock became an inspiration for Americans during those hard times.

Characters:

	James J Braddock (Russell Crowe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Boxer of Irish descent from New Jersey● working class hero
	Mae Braddock (Renee Zellweger)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jimmy's wife● working class Jersey girls also of Irish descent
	Joe Gould (Paul Giamatti)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Braddock's manager● Also struggling with GD but "keeping up appearances"
	James Johnston (Bruce McGill)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● powerful boxing promoter● controls boxing business
	Max Baer (Craig Bierko)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● current boxing champion● known to have killed 2 men in the ring