Cinderella Man

Book key

1–2 Open answers

3 a The economy failed, probably because the country was producing more than it needed.
b He lost all of his money and had to take any work he could find.
c He wanted people to know this true American story.
d He swam, ran, rode a bike, climbed, studied boxing, worked at the punching bag and in the ring. He was trained to box – to box like Braddock.

4 a no b yes c no d yes e no f no g no h no i yes j no

5–9 Open answers

10 a Mae Braddock
b Ben
c Jay Braddock
d Jim Braddock
e Joe Gould
f Jim Braddock
g Jimmy Johnston
h Joe Gould

11–15 Open answers

16 a 4 b 9 c 7 d 2 e 10 f 5 g 8 h 1
i 6 j 3

17 a Because he has listened to Jim’s fights and wants to help.
b Because Jim is a proud man and Joe knows how difficult the situation must be for him.
c Because two of the children are sick and she and Jim can’t keep them warm.
d Because a decision like that should be made by both parents, and because he promised Jay never to send him away.

18–19 Open answers

20 a NO b NO c NO d NO e YES

21 a It is a party for all the children whose parents can’t afford birthday parties.
b Because he has arranged a fight for Jim.
c Because they want the butcher to give them steak for their father.
d Because without a spoon Jim will eat with his hand, and Joe doesn’t have time to tape his hands again.
e Because Jim wins the fight against Griffin.
f Because Baer hits Carnera again and again with terrible strength, and in the past Baer has killed a boxer in the ring.

22–23 Open answers

24 a Rosy Braddock
b Mike Wilson
c Mae Braddock
d Joe Gould
e Joe Jeannette
f Jim Braddock
g John Henry Lewis
h Max Baer

25 a Because they thought he was rich after winning the fight.
b Because she didn’t realize that Joe was poor, too.
c Because he has a powerful left hand after lifting sacks.
d Because he expected Lewis to beat Jim again.

26–28 Open answers

29 a the Newark relief office
b flowers
c Mike
d in Central Park
e Few
f Mae
g Joe Gould
h Max Baer
i a drink

30–33 Open answers

34 a × b √ c × d × e × f × g × h ×

35–37 Open answers

38 a 3 b 4 c 6 d 1 e 5 f 2

39–50 Open answers

Discussion activities key

1–10 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 a F b T c T d F e T f F

2 a the good things in his life
b earn fifty dollars
c his meat to Rosy
d all their money
e find fights for Jim
f he is desperate to get work
g send him to live somewhere else

3 Jay steals the meat because he is afraid his family will send him away, because they do not have enough food for him and the other children. Jim makes him take the meat back to the butcher shop and apologize for stealing it.
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4 a Because he was a great boxer
   b Because he was black and few white boxers would fight him.
   c He is happy to see him again.
   d Joe doesn’t want Jeanette to tell Jim that he is at the gym. He is afraid that it will make Jim feel embarrassed.

5 a job
   b Jim
   c cough
   d sister
   e Tommy Loughran
   f ashamed

6 a Howard is talking to his father, Jim. He is at a church birthday party for children whose parents can’t afford their own party.
   b Sarah is talking to her husband, Mike. She is arguing with him outside the church birthday party. She wants him to take their children to the party but he won’t because he is too proud. She says he spends too much time on “fixing the world” and not enough time on his own family.
   c Jim is talking to Mae about Mike. Jim thinks that it was too hard for Mike to join the party because that would show that he is poor.
   d Jim is talking to his daughter, Rosy. He is showing her how to box.
   e Joe Gould is talking to Jim. He is talking about the fight with Corn Griffin. Jim is “meat” because he is fighting only because another fighter is sick, and no one thinks he will win.
   f Rosy is talking to the butcher. She wants meat for her dad so he can win a boxing fight.
   g Sporty Lewis is talking to Jim. Sporty is a sports writer who wrote bad things about Jim’s fight with Loughran. He is surprised to see that Jim is going to fight again.
   h A radio announcer is talking on the radio. He is announcing that Jim Braddock has won the fight with Corn Griffin.

7 a Max Baer and Primo Carnera
   b Max Baer wins the fight
   c the way that Max Baer keeps punching Carnera

8 a 6 b 7 c 1 d 10 e 5 f 2 g 8 h 4
   i 9 j 3

9 a relieved./thankful.
   b they have no furniture/apartment is not beautiful.

c left hand.
   d support him.
   e bigger and faster.

10 a 3 b 1 c 2

11 a thankful, angry, brave
   b scared, angry, brave
   c angry
   d careful
   e cruel
   f violent, rich, cruel

12 a When Jim walked to the ring, the crowd cheered.
   b Jim won the first round on points, but Baer was not worried.
   c In the second round, Baer threw a lot of punches at Jims’ ribs because he knew they were weak.
   d In the third round, Baer gave a big left-hand punch to Jim’s head.
   e The crowd booed at Baer during the fourth round.
   f In the fifth round, the referee warned Baer that he had thrown an illegal punch.
   g Jim threw a strong punch to Baer’s chin that made him step back.
   h In round seven, everyone is surprised that both Jim and Baer are still fighting.

13 a F b T c F d T e F

14 a–d Open answers

Progress test key

1 a heavyweight b gym c prize d house e fights

2 a apartment b jar c Rosie d two things

3 a ✓ b ✗ c ? d ✓ e ✗ f ✗

4 a he is too proud to take their family to the church birthday party.
   b it is one time only.
   c has not trained in a long time.
   d faster.

5 a 4 b 3 c 2 d 5 e 1

6 a 5 b 4 c 2 d 1 e 3

7 a 5 b 7 c 6 d 3 e 1 f 8 g 4 h 2

8 a F: Jim is cut under his eye.
   b F: Sporty joins the crowd cheering for Jim.
   c T
   d F: Everyone waits for the judges’ decision.
   e F: Jim thinks of his family.
   f F: Jim fights two more times, against Joe Lewis and Tommy Farr.