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TOPIC : Basing your analyses on *the drunkard* compare Mary and Cribbs in term of loyalty.

Defined as the fact of being faithful to a person, a term of loyalty can be found as a theme in *the drunkard* written by William Smith. In my work, I will show that Mary is a loyal person contrary to Cribbs.

At the first, Mary is the wife of Edward and Julia's mother. Mary had a very happy household till, and one day Edward becomes a drunkard and left the house after Mary's mother death. Though she faced a lot of problems, remains loyal but had a great love for Edward. Mary took care of Julia by washing clothes for people in return of poor income but she didn't give up but work hard for their daily bread because of all these difficulties and hardship. She always thinks about her husband, to have him return back to them again. Moreover she was faithful to her husband when she was faithful to her husband when she rejected the advance of Cribbs who tried to abuse her. Mary can be qualified then to have a loyal woman.

However, Cribbs the lawyer is a hypocrite and greedy man and he always plans to ruin the destiny of Edward and his family. He once met Edward in a bar and he invited him to drink whisky with him and he pushed Edward more and more and became a drunkard and a vagabond. Edward then uses all his money to drink and could no longer help himself of drinking and looking for whisky all the time. Cribbs met Edward in a bar another day and told him that his wife Mary is no longer loving him, that she was very happy with her daughter without him so he told him that he can save him and make him become a rich man again. Then, he invited him to sign a paper which confirms the selling of *Renclaws* Industry, but Edward refused his proposal. We can notice that Cribbs is not a loyal person because he always seeks the downfall of Edward.

To summarize, Mary is a faithful and a loyal person because she had a great love for her husband Edward but Cribbs, on the other hand, was not loyal because he was an hypocrite man and he made Edward become a drunkard and ruined him.