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History of the Circus

**Ancient Rome**
- First known circus
- Circus Maximus
- Rome's largest and most public arena

**1800-1900's**
- Greatest shows from clowns to acrobats
- Circus troupe travels by wagon

**21st Century**
- Circus de Soleil takes off
- Takes the circus and tent to a different level
- Leading circus companies focus on safe shows
Ancient Rome

- First circus created
- Circus Maximus
- Rome's largest venue for public games
1800-1900's

- Barnum and Bailey show revolutionized the circus industry
- took in animals and human freaks
- in 1900's teamed up with the Ringling Brothers who are known as "Kings of the Circus"
- Combined to make the GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH