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## Aspects of the Circus

**Animals**

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Animals are a big part of the circus. They provide entertainment and attract a great many people to the circus. Some people believe that animals should be used in the circus. However, many people believe that animals should be treated with respect and not used in the circus.



**Circus Jobs**

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Circus jobs are a variety of jobs that are done in the circus. Some of the jobs include:

- Animal trainers
- Circus ringmasters
- Circus clowns
- Circus acrobats
- Circus jugglers
- Circus musicians
- Circus artists
- Circus performers

**Theater**

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**Impact of Circus**

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# *Animals*

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- Sometimes animals are a big part of the circus
- They provide entertainment and visual appeal
- Many negative side effects to having animals in the circus
- Some get beaten to perform with bullhooks
- Constantly traveling, basic needs are inadequate
- Animal rights put into place in 1970s





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## *Circus Icons*

- Harry Houdini 1874-1926
- noted for incredible escape acts
  
- Gargantua 1938
- Worlds most terrifying living creature
- Saved the Ringling brothers from bankruptcy
  
- Flying Wallendas
- Family of tight rope walkers
- Performed with Ringling Brothers
  
- Criss Angel
- Street acts and worked with Cirque du Soleil
- illusionist