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Ancient Rome

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



Thecasesolutions.com 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

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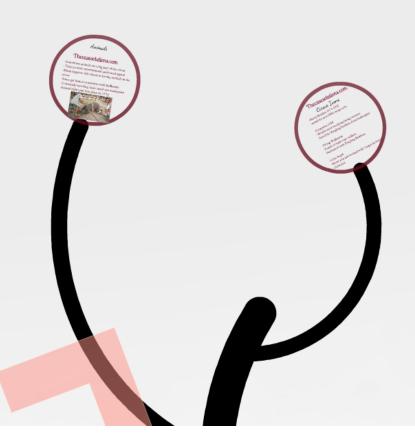
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- -Cirque du Soleil takes off
- -Took the circus industry to a different level by basing shows off solely human talent



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Aspects of the Circus





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 Soliel
- -illusionist