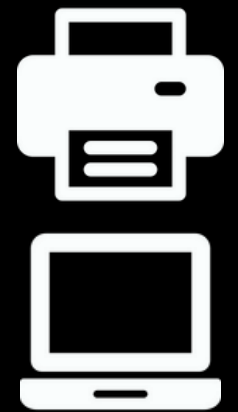


# CLOSE READING

## with Mystery Pictures



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### What Happened to the Circus?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Can you imagine a time when...

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### What Happened to the Circus?

Can you imagine a time when there was no TV, no movies, and life was mostly...

way back in the 1770s in England. These early circuses...

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### What Happened to the Circus?

Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. Use your answers here to help you color the mystery picture.

#### 1st Read Questions

1	Which best states the main idea of the passage?	It's difficult to train the animals.	The courts are expensive.
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**LIGHT BLUE**

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### What Happened to the Circus?

#### 2nd Read Questions

6	Which of the following statements about the circus is not true?	The circus originally included animals.	The circus has always used tents to house the animals.	Horse riding, clowns, and acrobats have been used in circuses to entertain the audience.
7	Which definition of the word <b>adopted</b> best fits how it is used in the passage?			
8	What do you think was the author's purpose for writing the passage?			
9	Which type of text structure is this passage written in?			

In the passage the author states that Cirque du Soleil "may have the magic r...

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# CARNIVAL/CIRCUS

# Digital & Print

## DIFFERENTIATED TO 3 LEVELS

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### History of the Ferris Wheel Answer Key

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**How to color the squares**

- Put cursor inside the space or spaces you want to color.
- Select the paint can from the toolbar.
- Choose the color you need that matches your answer.
- Repeat as needed.

**How to color the triangle and rectangles**

- Select shape.
- Click paint can and then color.



**AUDIO INCLUDED**

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**EVERY SET INCLUDES**

**1 FICTION TEXT**

**2 NONFICTION TEXTS**

**MYSTERY PIC FOR EACH**



# Passage 2-Nonfiction

**History of the Ferris Wheel**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever ridden on a Ferris wheel, high above the amusement park or carnival? Filled with lights, Ferris wheels give butterflies in the stomachs of riders. Laughter can be heard from children who ride it. Have you ever wondered about this ride's origins, or beginnings?

**History of the Ferris Wheel**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Despite its difficult beginnings, the Ferris wheel is now a staple at amusement parks, carnivals, fairs, and in cities around the world. Here are some interesting facts about the most famous Ferris wheels:

- The Tianjin Eye, in China, is the only Ferris wheel to stand over a river! It's built on a bridge, so you can drive right under it.
- The Big O in Tokyo was designed so that a roller coaster goes through the center. It has a unique design!

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**History of the Ferris Wheel**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Ferris wheel is well over one hundred years old. It has a sad, but interesting beginning. It all started back in 1890 when the city of Chicago was planning for the World's Fair. This important fair took place in 1893. It was held to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas in 1492. During this time, engineers were seeking an impressive piece that would wow its visitors. The pressure was on, as Paris had just debuted the Eiffel Tower in 1889 at their own World's Fair.

**History of the Ferris Wheel**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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- The High Roller, the world's tallest Ferris wheel, is located in Las Vegas. It's 167.7 meters tall and has 28 little cars that can hold 1,120 people in total.

Ferris wheels are a wonderful ride to enjoy. We can thank both Somers for his design and Ferris for his efforts in popularizing this circular ride.

**History of the Ferris Wheel Writing Prompt**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In your opinion, who was the person responsible for the invention of the Ferris wheel? Use specific examples from the text to support your response.

**History of the Ferris Wheel**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. When finished, use your answers here to help you color the mystery grid.

**1<sup>st</sup> Read Questions**

1	Read the following sentence from the passage. "There were several <u>proposals</u> for what to build..."	Outlines	Ideas	Programs
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**History of the Ferris Wheel**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Read Questions**

2	Which best describes the word "proposals" in the passage?	RED
3	Which of the following text structures is this passage written in?	LIGHT BLUE
4	In which paragraph does the word "staple" first appear?	GREEN
5	Which of the following is the best definition of "staple" as used in the passage?	GREEN

**Timeline**

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**History of the Ferris Wheel Answer Key**

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# Passage 3-Nonfiction

**What Happened to the Circus?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal rights activists and circus goers alike.

Animal rights groups like PETA, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, began suing circus companies in court over the treatment of their animals. Going to court was expensive for circus owners like the Ringling Bros. In the end, the Ringling Bros. decided to retire their elephants rather than continue to fight. They decided to avoid the possibility of other lawsuits.

**What Happened to the Circus?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**What Happened to the Circus?**

Alternative, or other choices, for entertainment, the popularity of the circus. The treatment of animals also began to worry about the ethics of the circus. The treatment of animals was a big concern among activists and circus goers.

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However, even though they made changes, they closed down in 2017. The owner cited financial difficulties as the main reason for shutting down The Greatest Show on Earth. Rising costs for running the circus couldn't be made back in ticket sales.

So, is the circus gone? The version including animal performances such as lion taming and elephants is now a thing of the past. But, human-focused circuses featuring acrobats, contortionists, and more, may still have a spot in the future. One famous circus still in operation is Cirque du Soleil. This show focuses on actors and performers rather than animals, and they are resolving many of the criticisms that have been leveled at the circus.

**What Happened to the Circus?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you imagine a time when there was no TV, no movies, and life was about work and not fun? What if the most interesting thing to play with in your home was a few wooden sticks and a wooden circle? Then, a circus coming to town would be exciting indeed!

**What Happened to the Circus?**

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However, despite making changes, eventually, this circus, one of the last of its kind in the USA, closed down in 2017. The owner cited financial difficulties as the main reason for shutting down The Greatest Show on Earth, as it was known. Rising costs for running the circus couldn't be matched in ticket sales.

**What Happened to the Circus? Writing Prompt**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think PETA did the right thing in regards to suing the circus for its animal shows? Use specific examples from the text to support your response.

**What Happened to the Circus? Answer Key**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Read the passage. Answer the questions. Use the answers for each question to determine which color to use. (Ex. IF your answer to question 2 has the color "pink" under it, color all of the number 2s pink.)

**What Happened to the Circus?**

Directions: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. When finished, use your answers here to help you color the mystery grid.

**1<sup>st</sup> Read Questions**

1	Which best states the main reason that animal-focused circuses are popular?	It's difficult to train the animals to perform.	The courts ruled them unlawful.	PETA began suing them and they couldn't afford the costs.
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Read Questions**

2	Without changing the sentence, replace the word "entertain" with a synonym. Which word is it?	entertain	entertain
3	Which best describes the word "adopted" as it is used in the passage?	adopted	adopted
4	Which of the following is the author's purpose for writing the passage?	To entertain the readers with a story about circuses	To inform the readers about whatever happened in circuses

**Main Idea & Supporting Details**

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**Main Idea**

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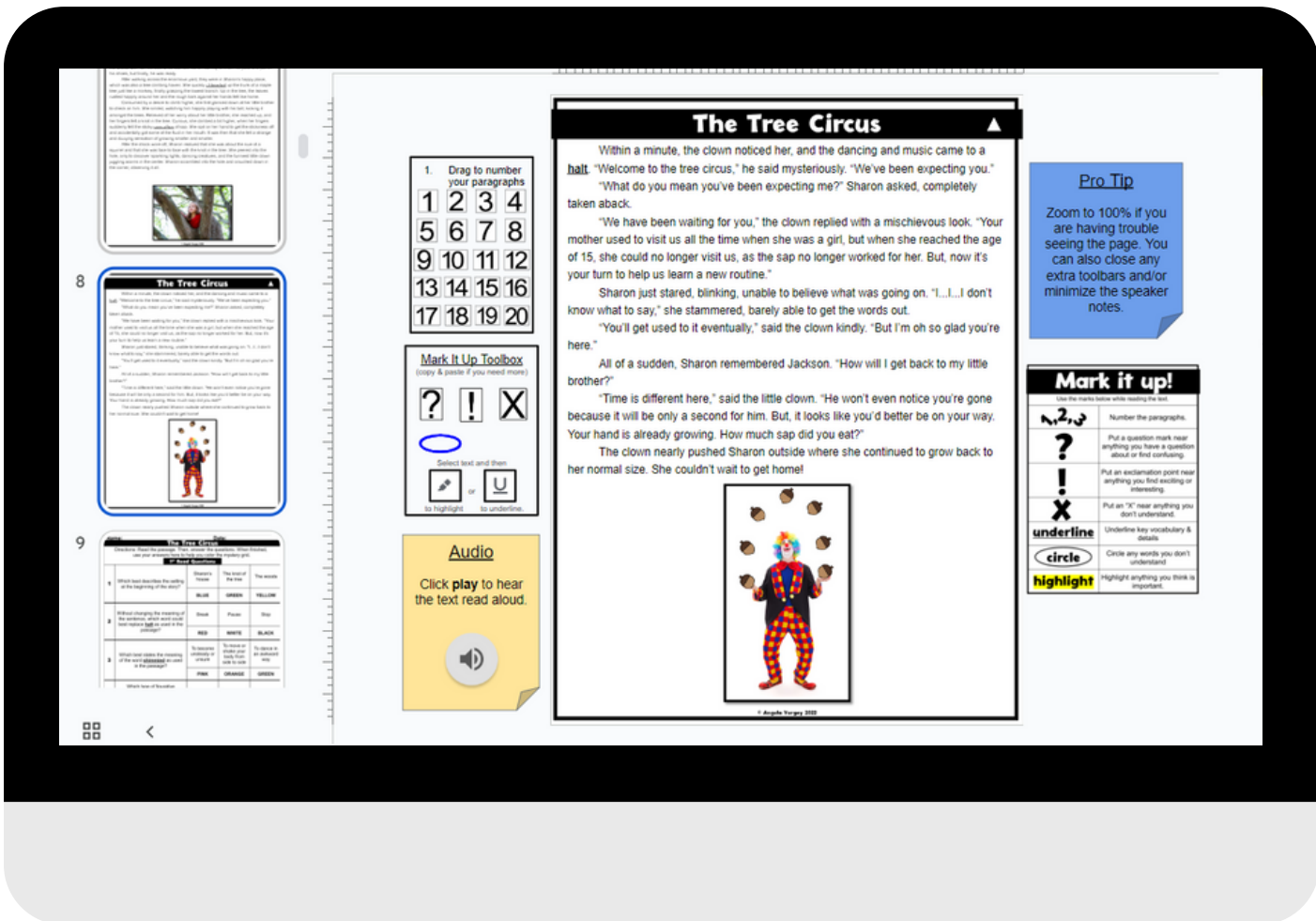
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