## A Million Dreams



Discover the true story of P.T. Barnum, the man who created the world-famous Barnum & Bailey Circus, as featured in the film - The Greatest Showman! We will learn more about how he established his museum in just 4 weeks and his startling inventions. Barnum was fundamental in changing people's perceptions about those who are different and addresses issues such as prejudice and intolerance. In this theme, we will explore the novel 'Wild Boy'. Condemned to life in a travelling freak show, excluded from society and abused by his master, Wild Boy takes refuge in watching people come and go at the fair - and develops a Sherlock-Holmes-style talent for observation and detection.

| Key Vocabulary             |  |
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| Discrimination             | The unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age or gender.   |
| Disability                 | A physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities.  |
| Identity                   | The characteristics that determine who or what a person or thing is.   |
| Conformity                 | Following agreed standards, rules, or laws.  |
| Tolerance                  | A willingness to accept other people's behaviour and opinions, even if you do not agree with them.   |
| Acceptance                 | General agreement that something is satisfactory or right or that someone should be included in a group.   |
| Self-belief                | The confidence in one's self.  |
| Abnormality                | An abnormal feature, characteristic, or occurrence.  |
| Diversity                  | To show a variety of things.   |
| Equality                   | Showing that a person or thing is equal to another.  |
| Exhibition                 | A public display of works of art or items of interest held in an art gallery or museum or at a trade fair.   |
| Performer                  | A person who entertains an audience.   |
| Ringmaster                 | The person directing a circus performance.   |
| Animal Rights              | The rights of animals to live free from human exploitation and abuse.  |
| The Media                  | The main means of mass communication (broadcasting, publishing, and the Internet) regarded collectively.   |
| Mixed Media                | A variety of media used in entertainment or work of art.   |
| Pablo Fanque               | Pablo Fanque was a British equestrian performer and circus proprietor - the first recorded non-white British circus owner in Britain. His circus was popular in Victorian Britain for 30 years, a period that is regarded as the golden age of the circus. |
| Charles Livingston<br>Bull | Charles Livingston Bull was an American illustrator. Bull studied taxidermy in Rochester, New York and is known for his illustration of wildlife.  |
| Ordnance Survey            | Ordnance Survey is the national mapping agency for Great Britain.  |
| Grid Reference             | A map reference indicating a location in terms of a series of vertical and horizontal grid lines identified by numbers or letters.   |

| Key Dates    |   |
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| (A.D. 80)    | In Ancient Rome, the circus was a round building for showing horse and chariot races.   |
| 1768         | In London, there were circuses with horse-riding - these were started by Philip Astley. Circuses grew in siz and had lots of animals. They were a bit like a zoo. |
| 1793         | A circus building was opened in Philadelphia, USA.  |
| 1840         | Thomas Cooke brought his circus with horses from the USA to England.  |
| 1897 to 1902 | The Barnum & Bailey Greatest Show On Earth toured; they showed animal acts and human acts.  |









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