

The Greatest Showman

1. Noun _____
2. Verb Present Ends In Ing _____
3. Noun Plural _____
4. Noun _____
5. Noun _____
6. Year _____
7. Adjective _____
8. Verb Present Ends In Ing _____
9. Noun _____
10. Number _____
11. Adjective _____
12. Verb Base Form _____
13. Verb Past Tense _____
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Phineas Taylor Barnum was an American businessman and showman. He was the founder of the _____ Noun _____ that later became the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey _____ Repeat Last Noun _____.

Although Barnum was also an author, publisher, philanthropist, and for some time a politician, he said of himself, "I am a showman by profession...and all the _____ Verb Present ends in ING _____ shall make nothing else of me, " and his personal aims were "to put money in his own _____ Noun Plural _____. Barnum is widely but erroneously credited with coining the phrase "There's a _____ Noun _____ born every minute."

Barnum became a small-business owner in his early twenties, and founded a weekly _____ Noun _____, before moving to New York City in _____ Year _____. He embarked on an entertainment career, first with a variety troupe called "Barnum's Grand Scientific and _____ Adjective _____ Theater," and soon after by _____ Verb Present ends in ING _____. Scudder's American _____ Noun _____. On January 1, 1842, Barnum opened his _____ Repeat Last Noun _____ in New York City, he later renamed the American _____ Repeat Last Noun _____ after himself. Barnum used the _____ Repeat Last Noun _____ as a platform to promote hoaxes and human curiosities such as the "Feejee" mermaid' and "General Tom Thumb." In 1850 he promoted the American tour of singer Jenny Lind, paying her an unprecedented \$_____ Number _____ a night for 150 nights.

After economic reversals due to bad investments in the 1850s, and years of litigation and public humiliation, he used

a lecture tour, mostly as a _____ Adjective _____ speaker, to _____ Verb Base Form _____ from debt. His museum added America's first aquarium and _____ Verb Past Tense _____ the wax _____ Noun _____ department.

Barnum served two terms in the Connecticut legislature in 1865 as a Republican for Fairfield. As mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut, he _____ Verb Past Tense _____ to improve the water supply, bring gas lighting to streets, and to enforce liquor and _____ Noun _____ laws. Barnum was instrumental in starting Bridgeport Hospital, founded in 1878, and was its first president.

The circus business was the source of much of his enduring fame. He _____ Verb Past Tense _____ "P. T. Barnum's Grand Traveling Museum, Menagerie, Caravan & Hippodrome," a traveling circus, menagerie and museum of " _____ Noun Plural _____," which adopted many names over the years.

Barnum _____ Verb Past Tense _____ in his sleep at home on April 7, 1891 and was _____ Verb Past Tense _____ in Mountain Grove _____ Noun _____, Bridgeport, Connecticut, a _____ Repeat Last Noun _____ he designed.