

The Greatest SHOWMAN

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22. Would you recommend this musical to others? Why or why not? _____

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ANSWER KEY

1. What is the setting of the opening number? **Circus, under a tent in the center ring.**
2. List three adjectives that describe Phineas' childhood. **Answers will vary.**
3. When the main character of this story loses his job. How does his wife respond?
She is not upset and says that living with him is an adventure.
4. He gives his daughter an unusual birthday gift. What is it? **A wishing machine.**
5. What kinds of things are in Barnum's new museum? **Wax figures, stuffed animals and animal sculptures, other odd and curious items.**
6. Barnum decides to add people to his museum shows. He wants to find people that are unique or have daring acts to display. What is unique about the first person he recruits? **He is very small.**
7. Name two of the other acts he hires. **Bearded Lady, Irish Giant, Dog Man, Trapeze Artist, Largest Man, and Tattooed Man.**
8. As Barnum's show grows he gains a partner. This new partner gets the group an audience with the queen of what country? **England**
9. While visiting the queen, Barnum meets Europe's most famous singer. What is her name? **Jenny Lind**
10. Describe Ms. Lind's first performance in America. **Answers will vary.**
11. Why do you think Barnum didn't let his cast members into the after party for Lind's performance? **He seemed to be embarrassed by them.**
12. Explain how the lyrics to "This is Me" served as a response to Barnum's snub at the party. **Answers will vary, but may express the idea that the cast was hurt but choosing to be strong and move ahead together.**

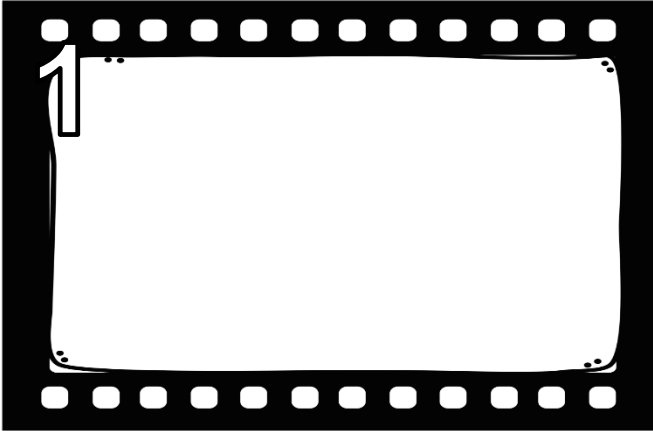
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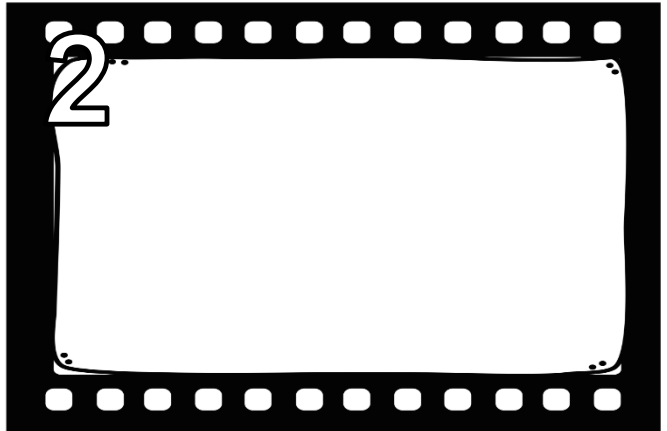
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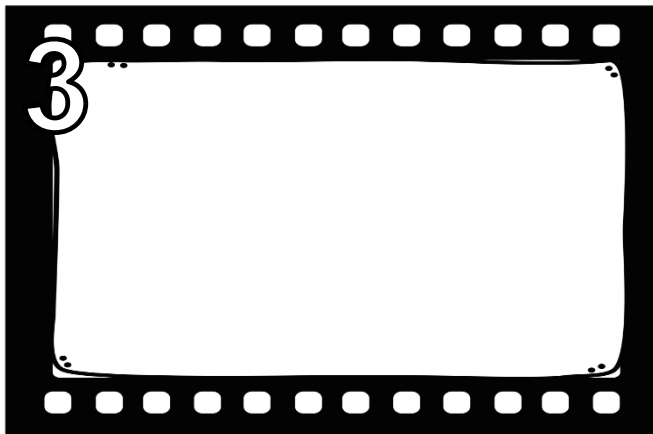
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15. Jenny Lind falls for Barnum and when he doesn't share her feelings what does she do? **Starts crying and threatens to quit the tour.**
16. Things start going poorly for Barnum when Jenny does what to make his wife angry on stage? **Kisses Barnum on stage in front of the cameras.**
17. Next, protestors attack the cast. What happens as a result of this confrontation? **Barnum's museum is burned to the ground.**
18. After this tragedy, the critic comes to talk with Barnum and gives him what bad news? **Jenny Lind quit the tour.**
19. Charity, Barnum's wife, gives Barnum more bad news. What is it? **She is leaving because the bank is evicting them from their house.**
20. The circus members don't want Barnum to quit. What has he done for them that makes them so loyal? **He has given them a family and a place where they belong.**
21. Discouraged by the fact that banks will not give him a loan, what is Barnum's idea to make sure the show goes on? **A tent down by the docks.**
22. Would you recommend this musical to others? Why or why not? **Answers will vary.**

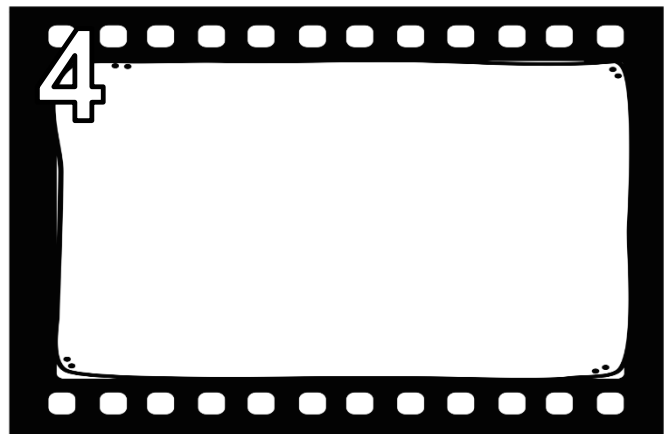
Greatest SHOWMAN in Pictures

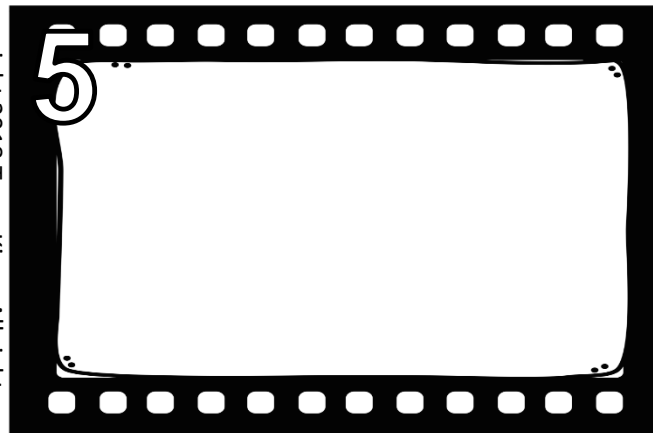
Retell the story of The Greatest Showman using pictures. Then write a sentence to describe what is happening under each one.

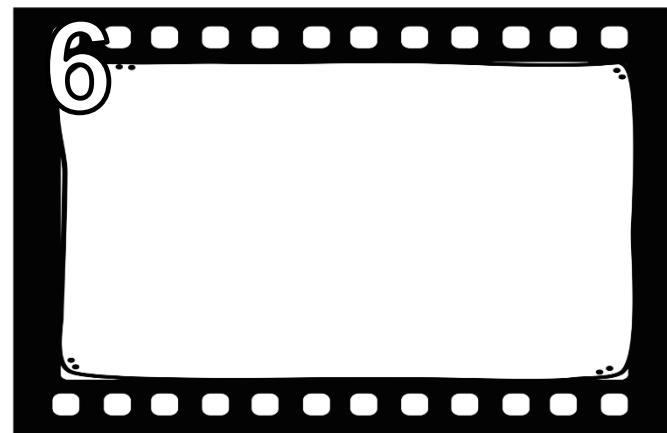












Parts of a Musical

There are four basic parts of a musical: music, lyrics, dance and book. In the space below, write at least three details about each element from The Greatest Showman.

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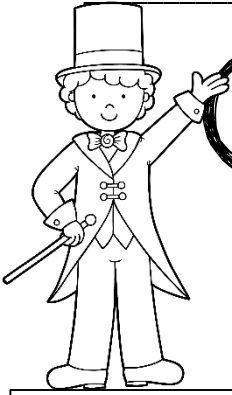
Lyrics-the words to the songs.

Dance-rhythmic, choreographed movement to music.

Book-the story of the musical. This includes the setting, plot and characters.

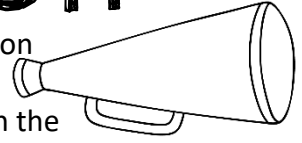
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Quiz Yourself

Create a quiz about The Greatest Showman by writing a question and answer in each box. Be sure to choose questions that ask about the main parts of the musical. Your answer should be in the form of a complete sentence.



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Answer: _____

Question 2: _____

Answer: _____

Question 3: _____

Answer: _____

Question 4: _____

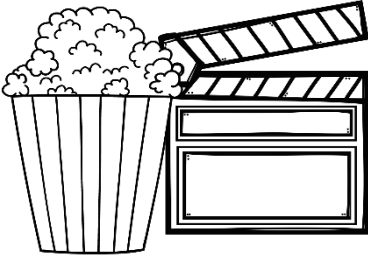
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Question 5: _____

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Question 6: _____

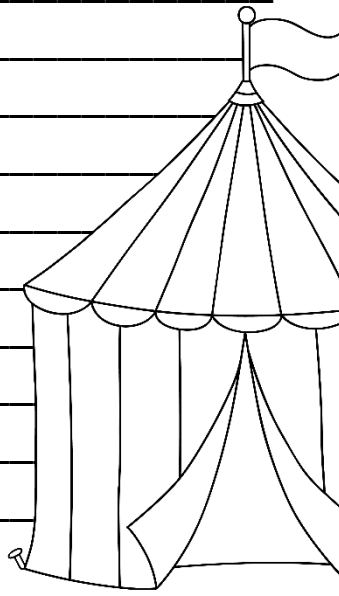
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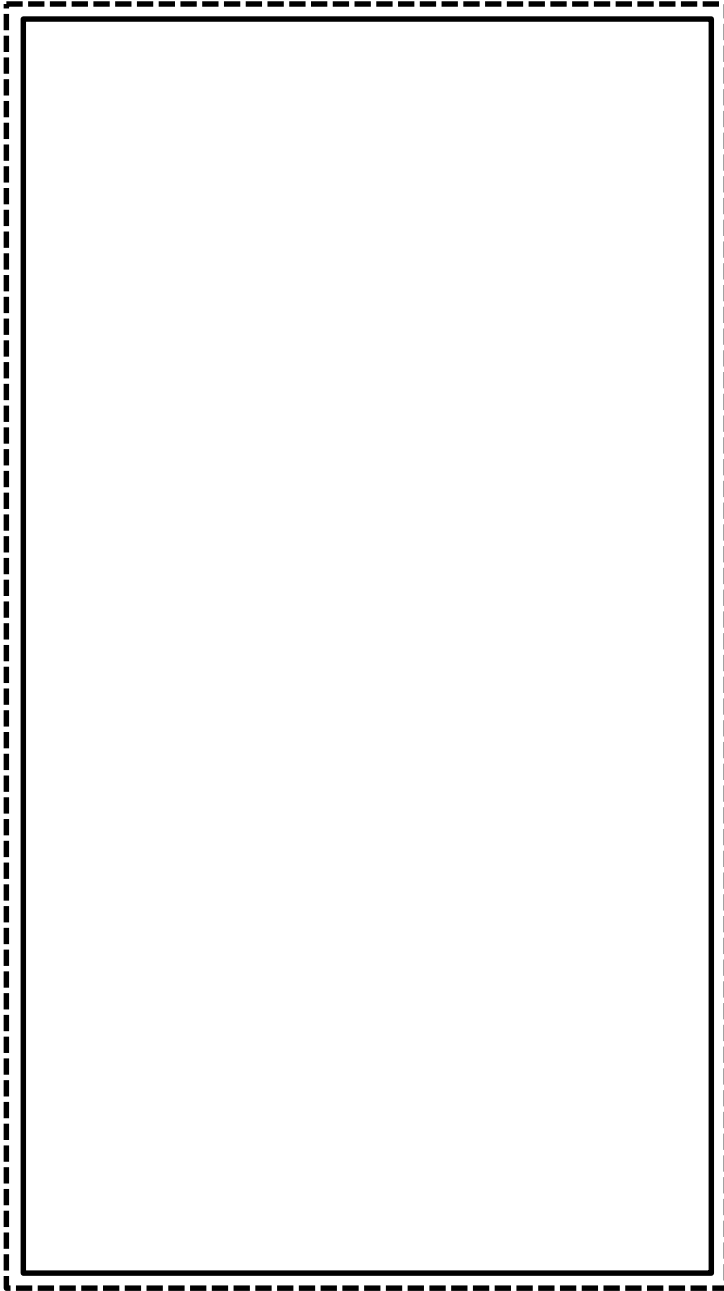
What if it didn't end that way? In the space below, write an alternate ending to The Greatest Showman. Be sure to include some of the main characters in your new ending.

Lined writing area with 20 horizontal lines for the student to write an alternate ending.



WHAT A CHARACTER!

Directions: Choose a character from The Greatest Showman. Draw them in the box below. Write their name in the space below. Then answer the questions below.



What did this character look like?

Name a song that this character sang.

What did other characters in the musical think about this character?

What did you like best about this character?

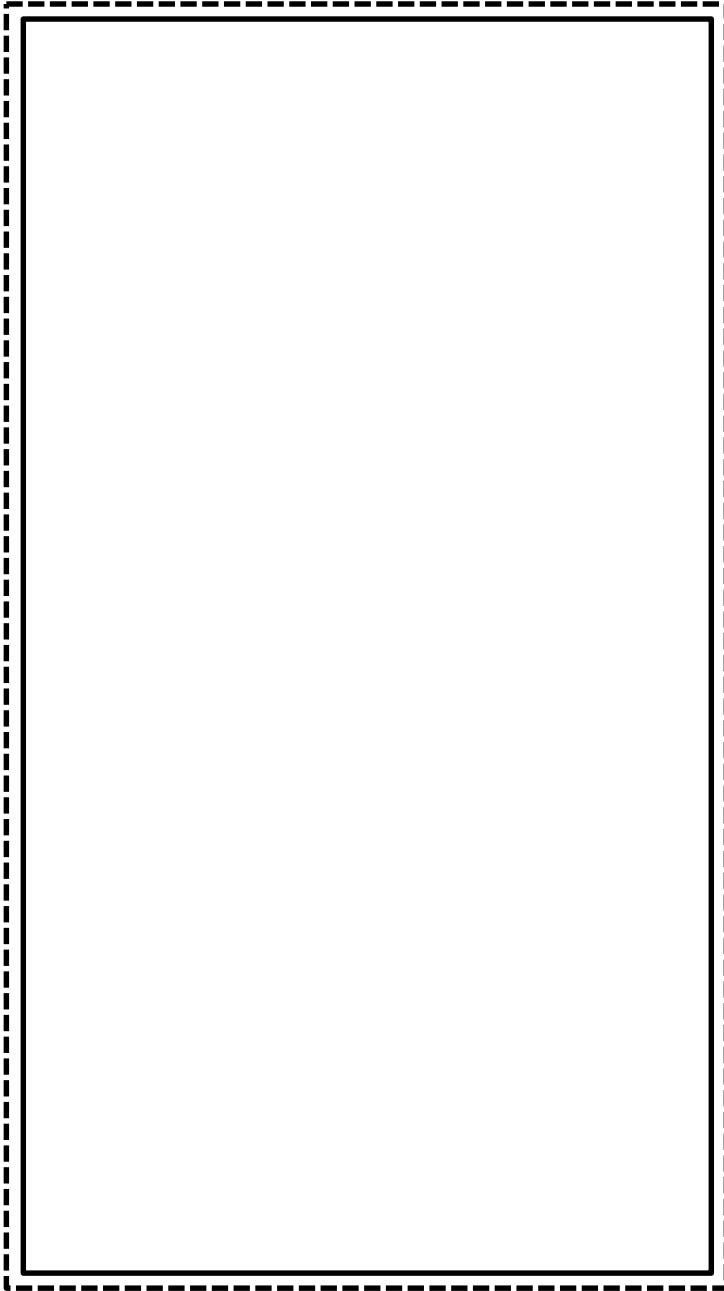
What did you like least about this character?

Character



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Describe how the character looks.

What song(s) did this character sing?

Describe this character's personality.

Why was this character important to the story? _____

What advice would you give this character if you could? _____

Character



CHARACTER COMPARISON

Choose two characters from The Greatest Showman. Use the Venn diagram below to organize 3 details about each character that are different from each other. Use the space in the middle to write 2 things that the characters have in common.

Character

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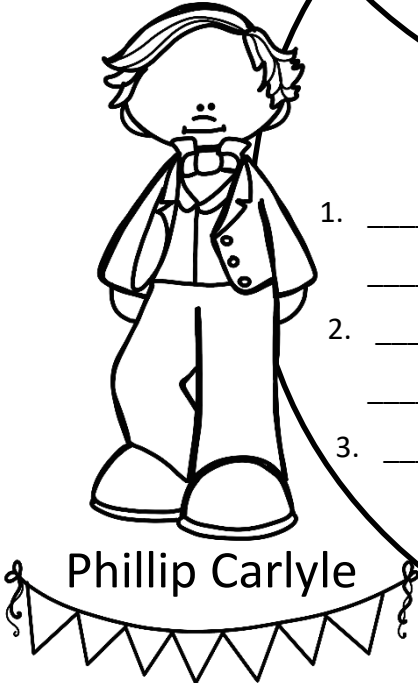
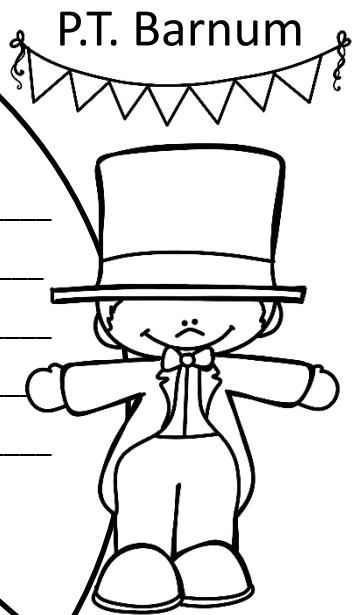
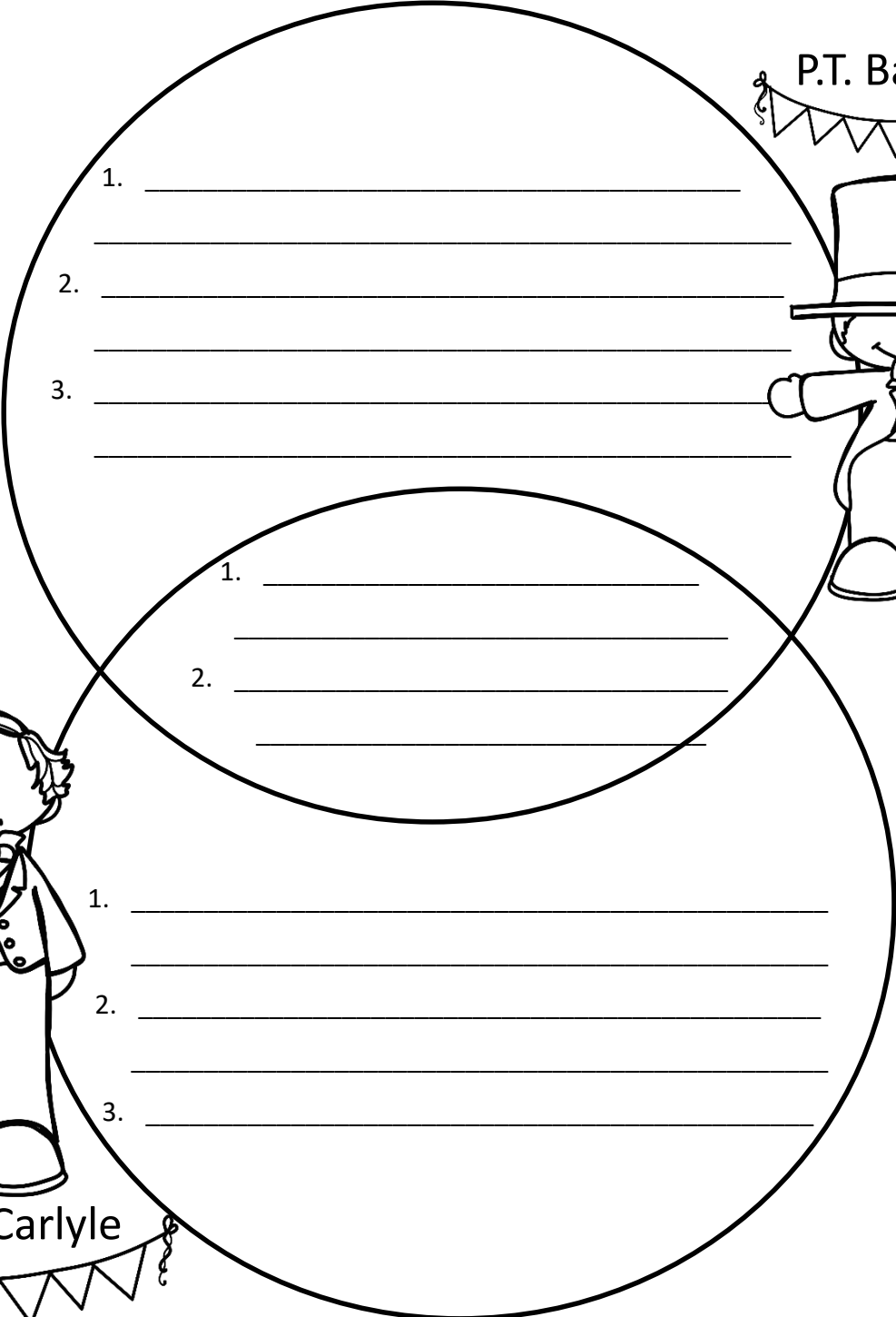
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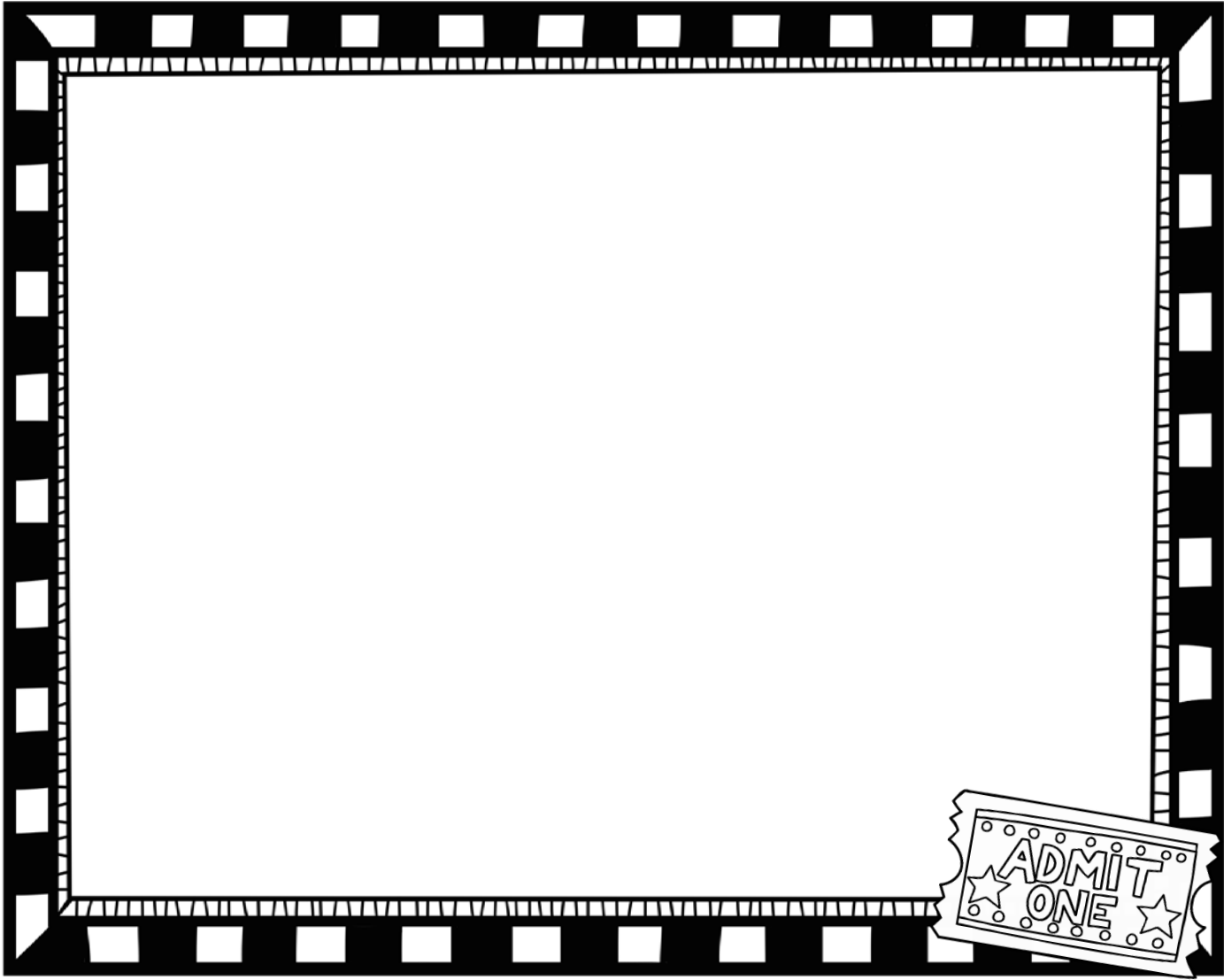
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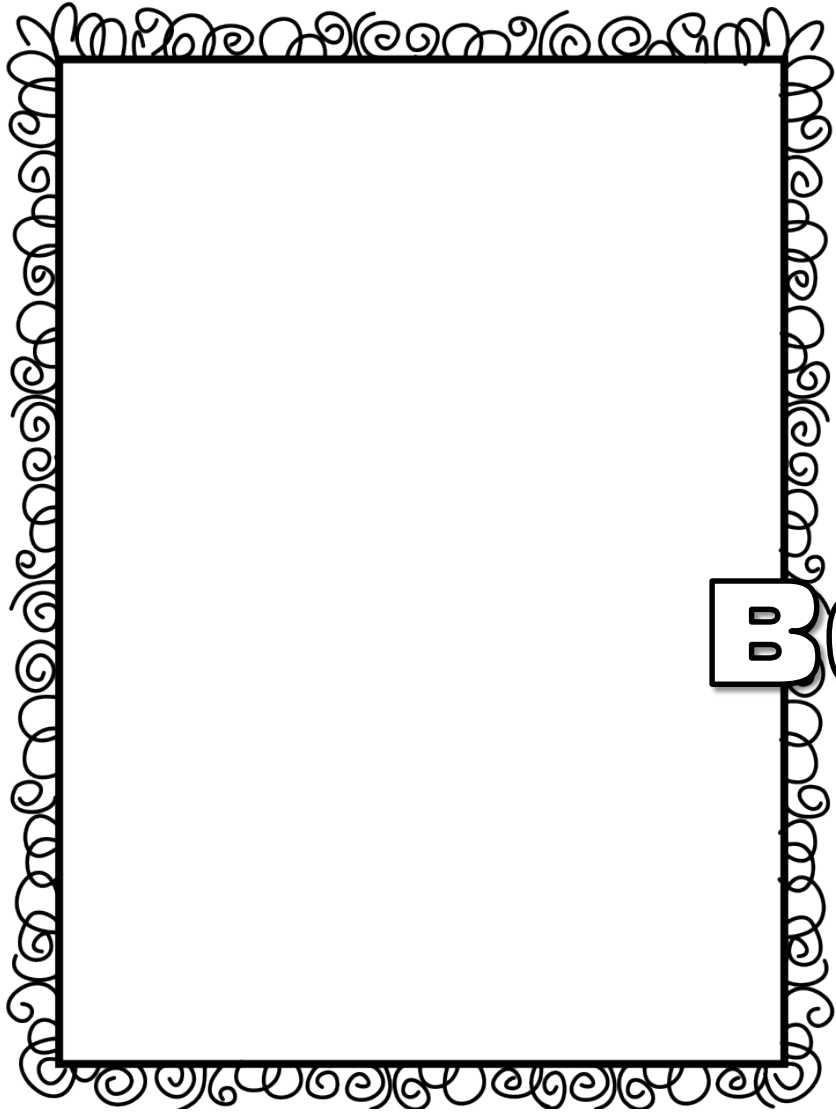


My Favorite Character



My favorite character in *The Greatest Showman* was _____

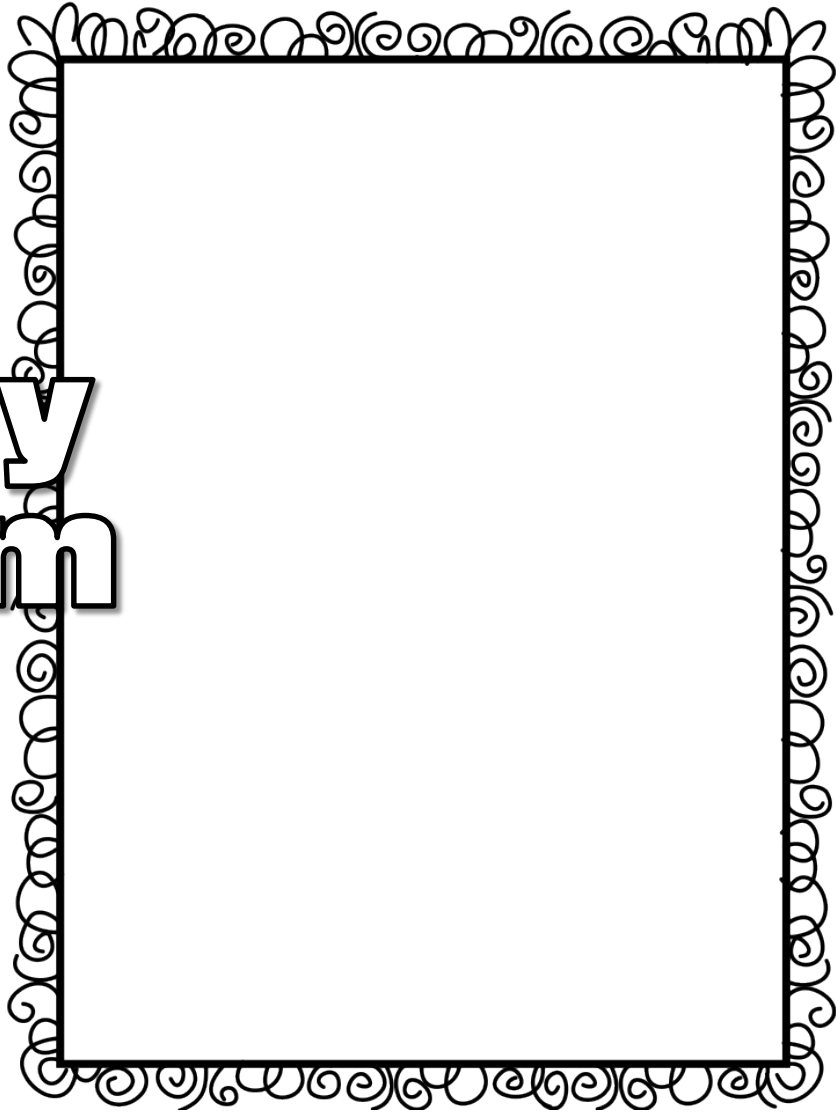
I liked him/her because _____

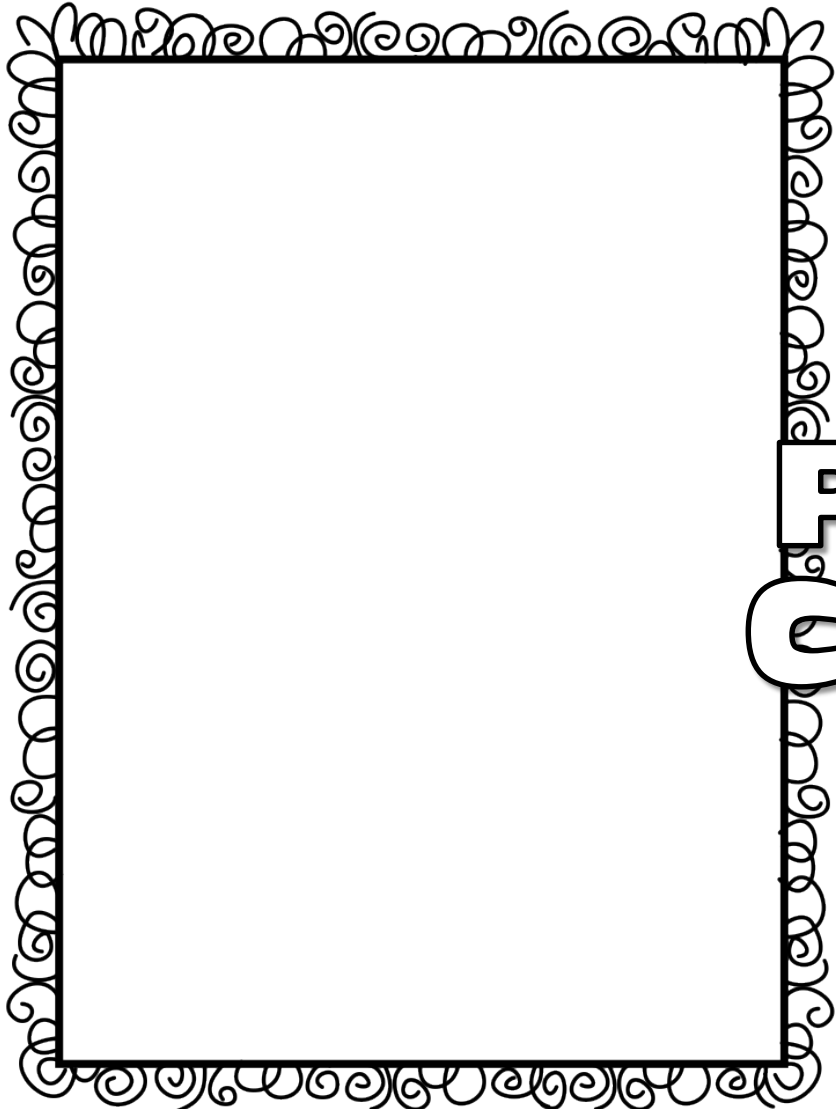


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P.T.
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From
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Four sets of handwriting practice lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.

All About
Charity
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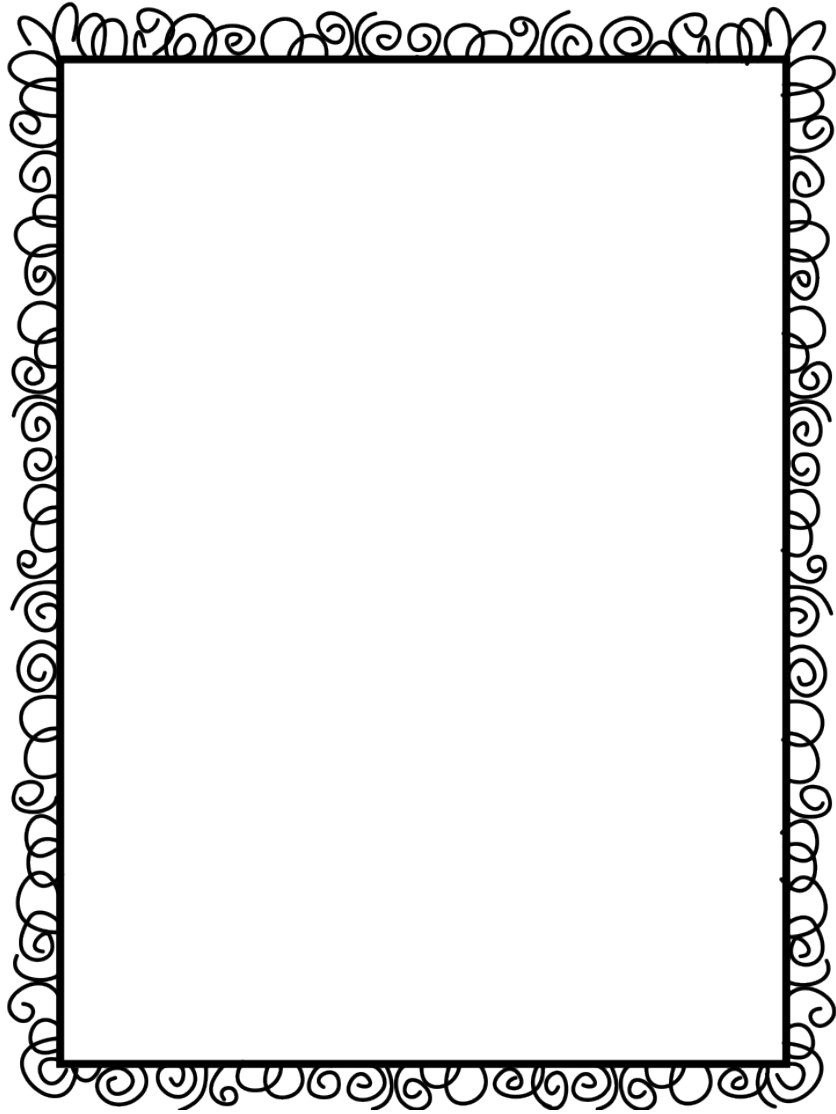




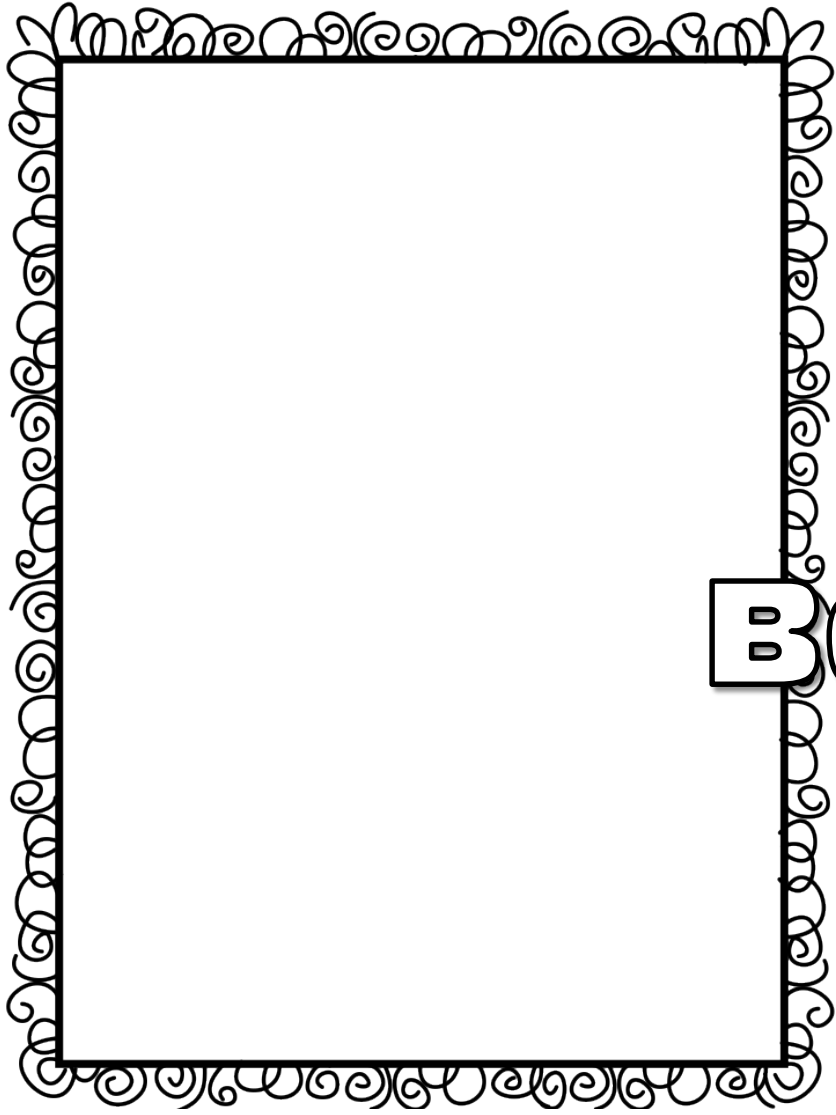
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**Phillip
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Lind**
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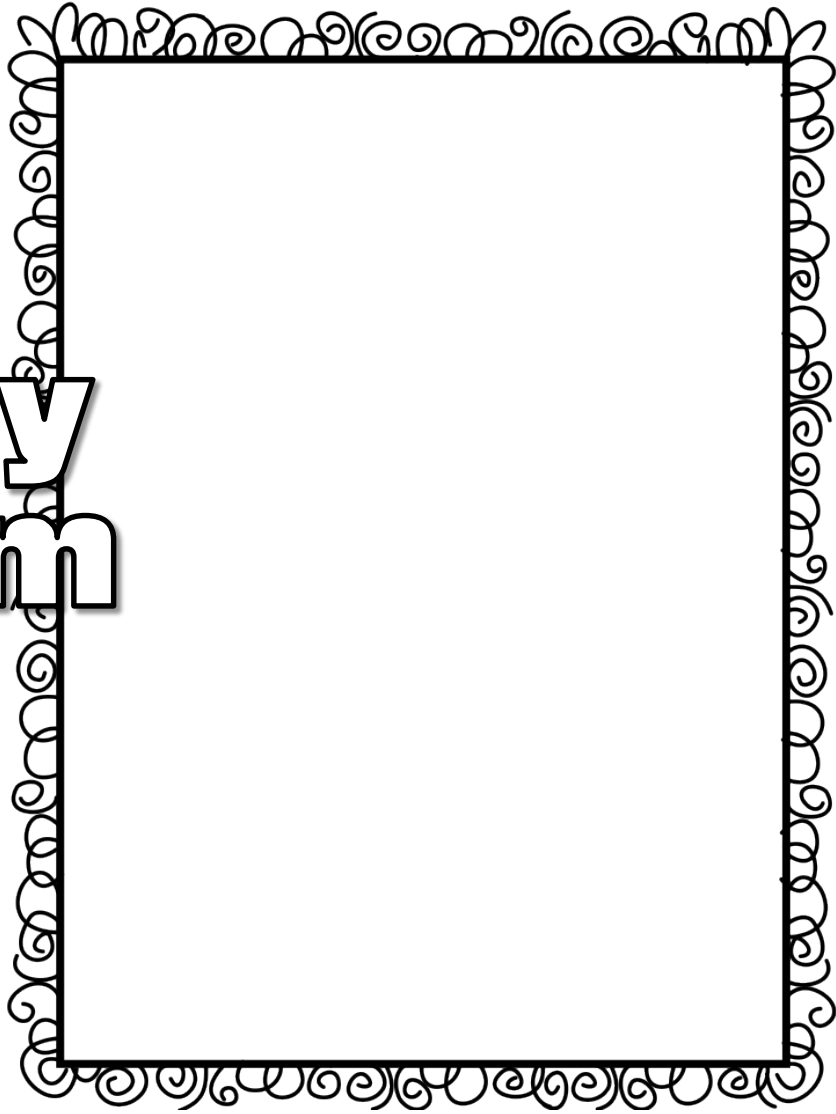


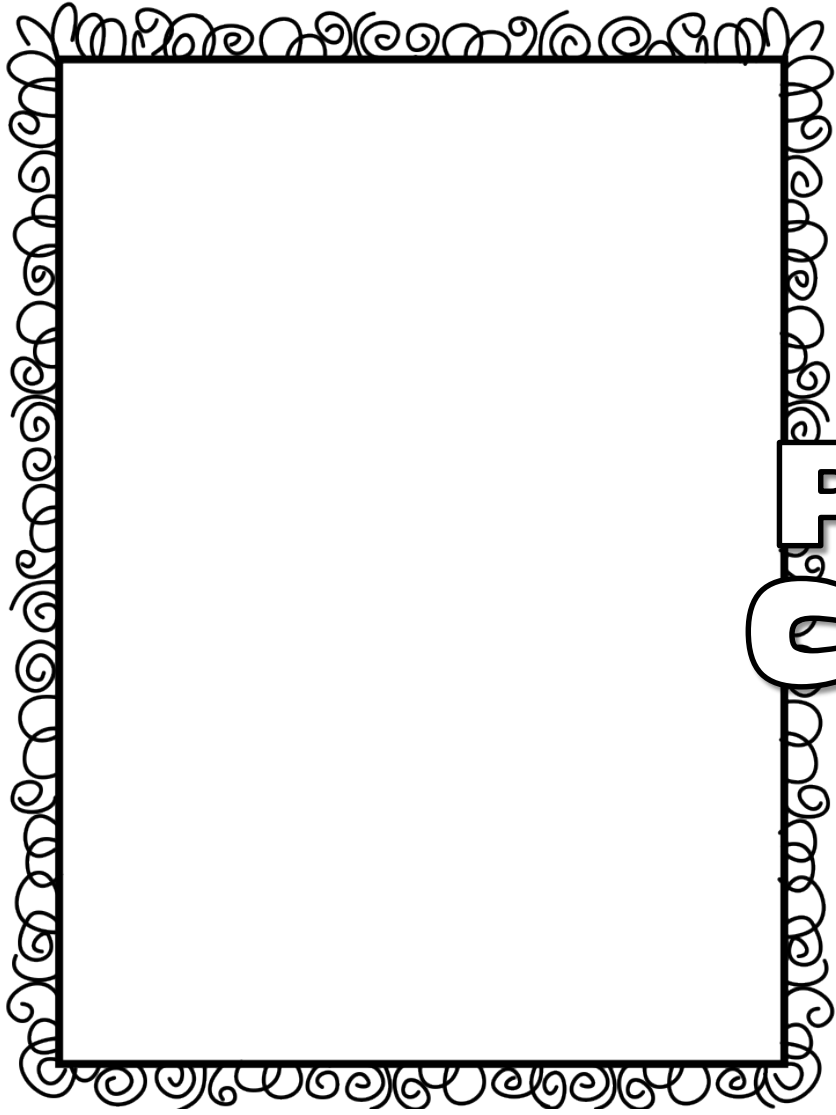
Four sets of primary writing lines, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, providing space for handwriting practice.



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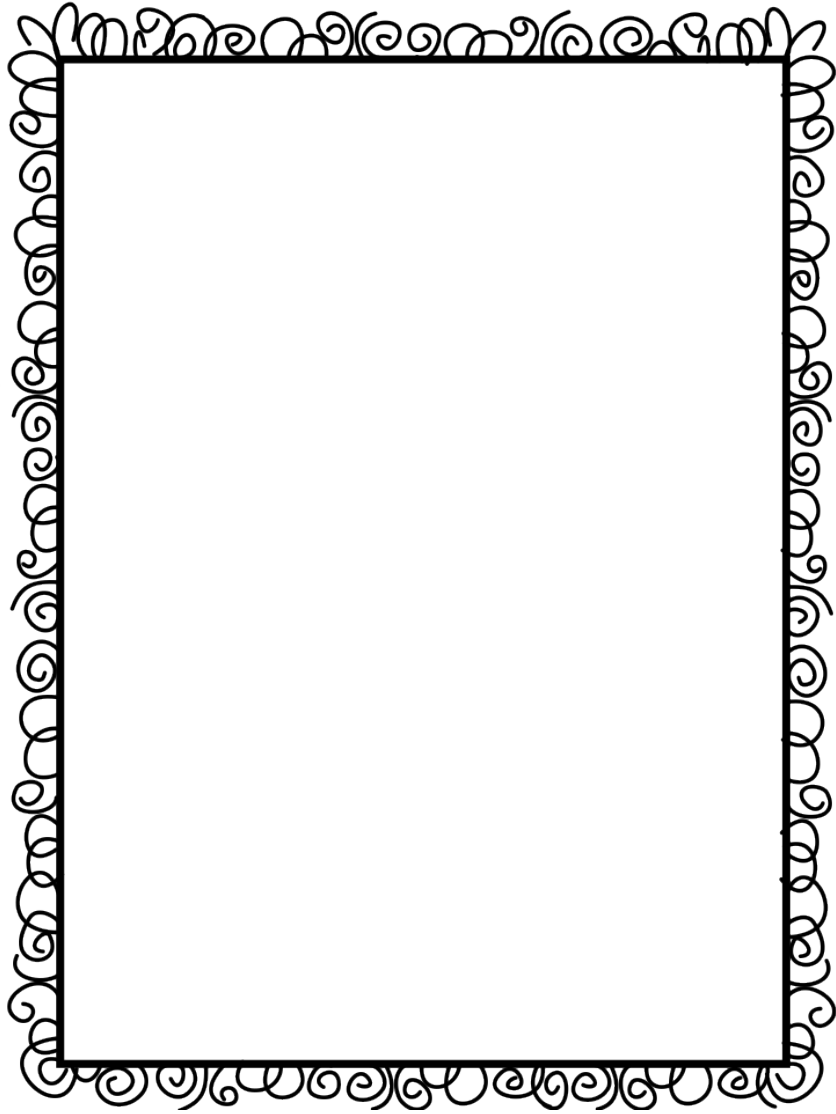
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COMPARING SONGS

Choose two songs from The Greatest Showman. Use the Venn diagram below to organize 3 details about each song. Use the space in the middle to write 2 things that the songs have in common. Consider the singers, tempo, dynamics, mood, lyrics and instrumentation.

Song #1



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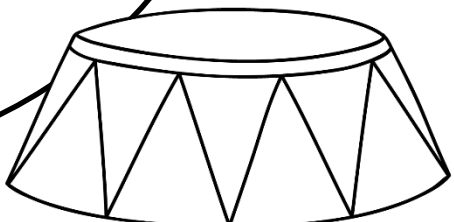
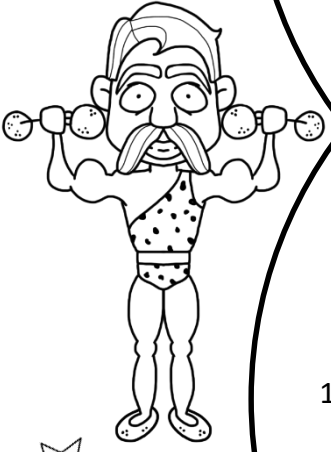
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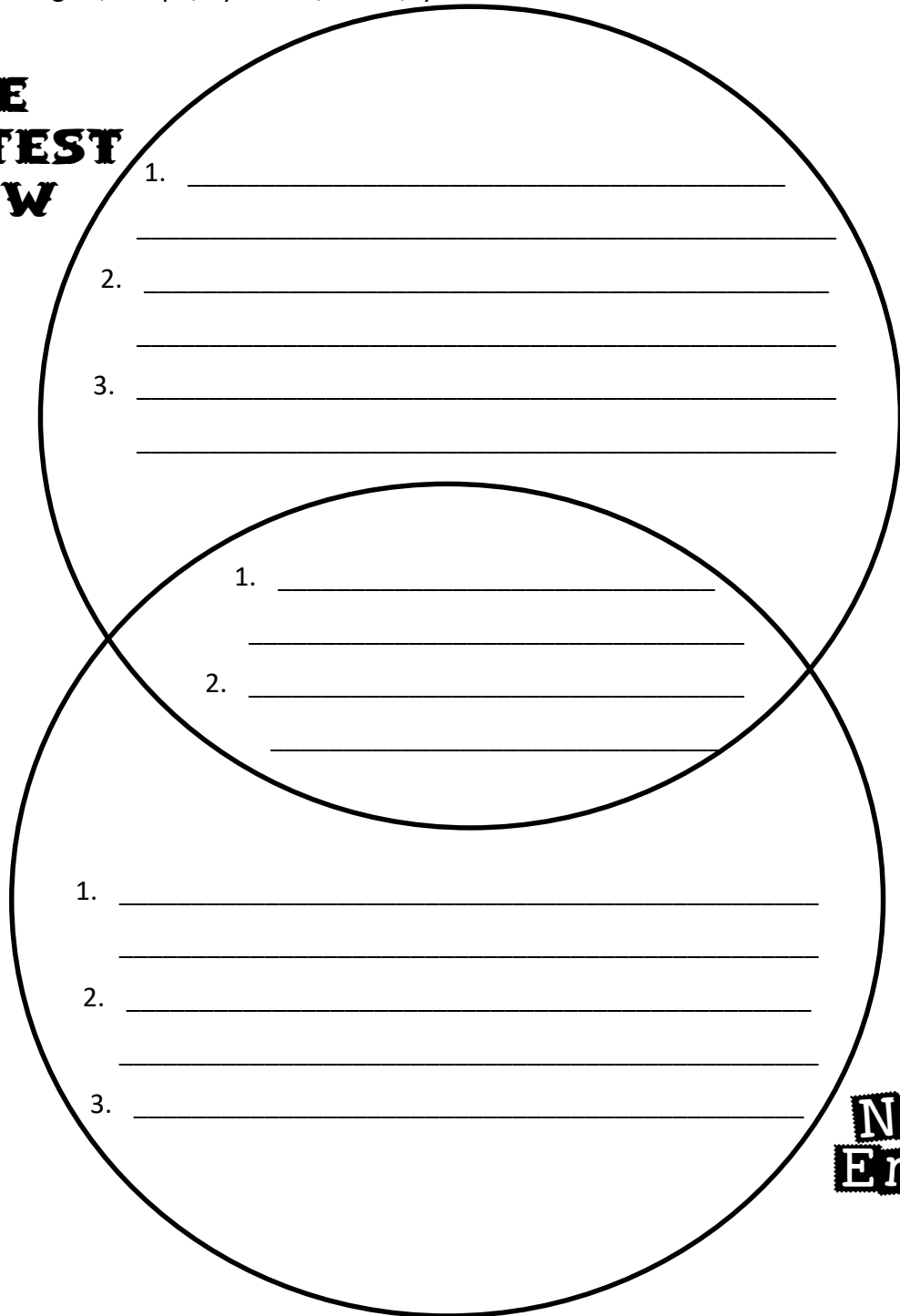
Song #2



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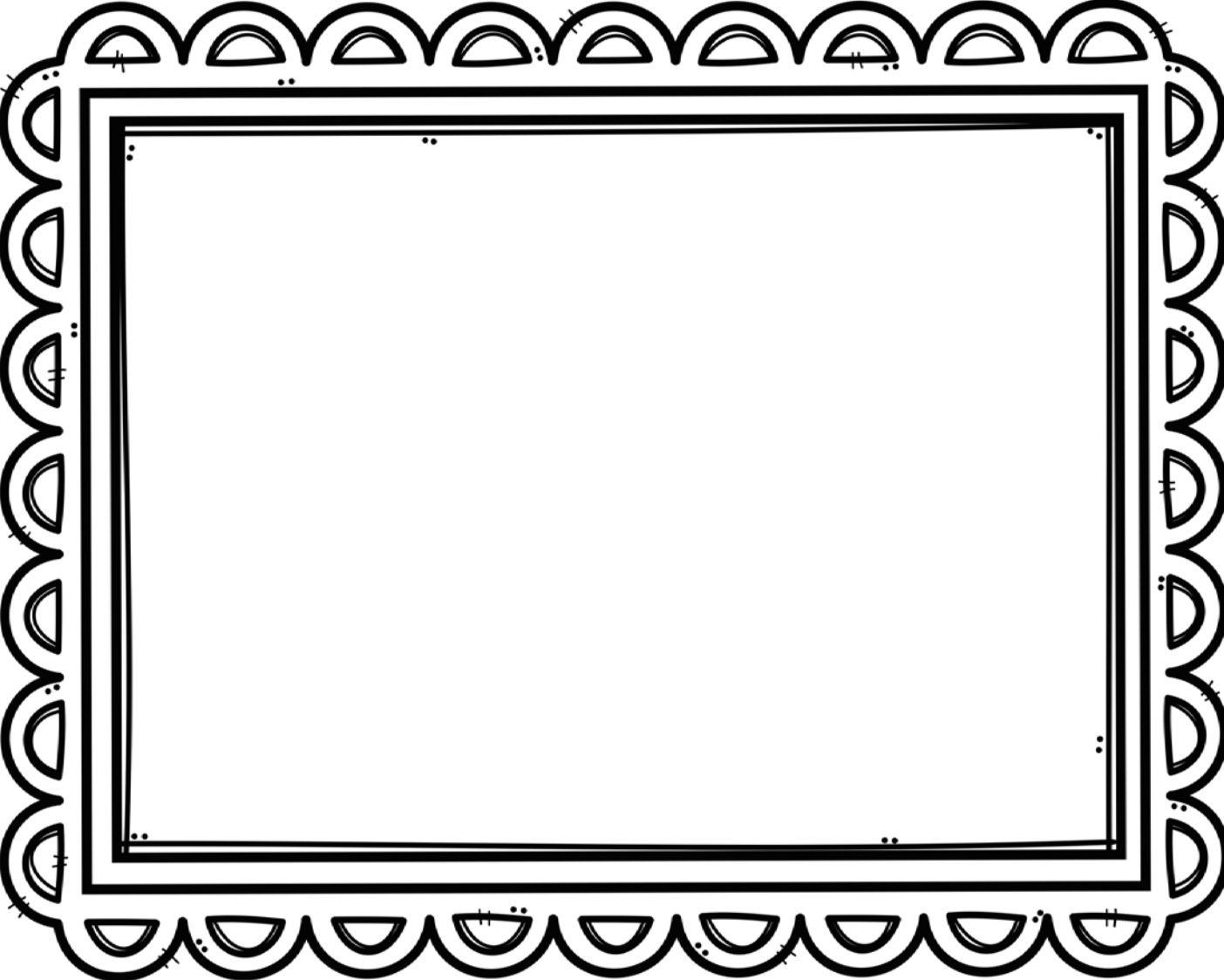
Compare these two songs from The Greatest Showman. Use the Venn diagram below to organize 3 details about each song. Use the space in the middle to write 2 things that the songs have in common. Consider the singers, tempo, dynamics, mood, lyrics and instrumentation.

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**Never
Enough**

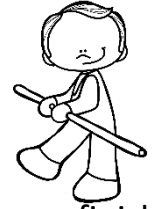
My Favorite Song from The Greatest Showman



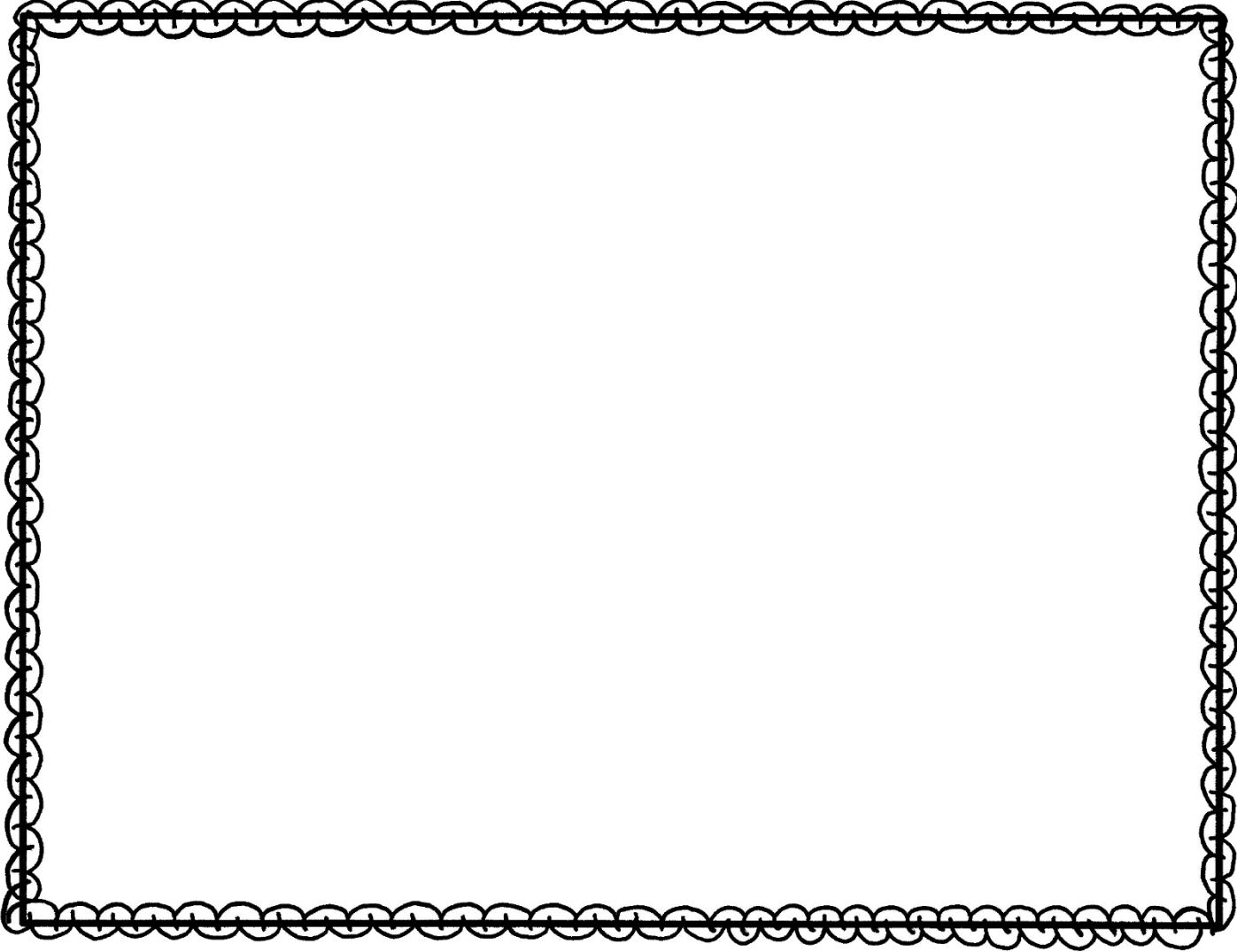
My favorite song from The Greatest Showman was _____

It is my favorite because _____

Of All Places

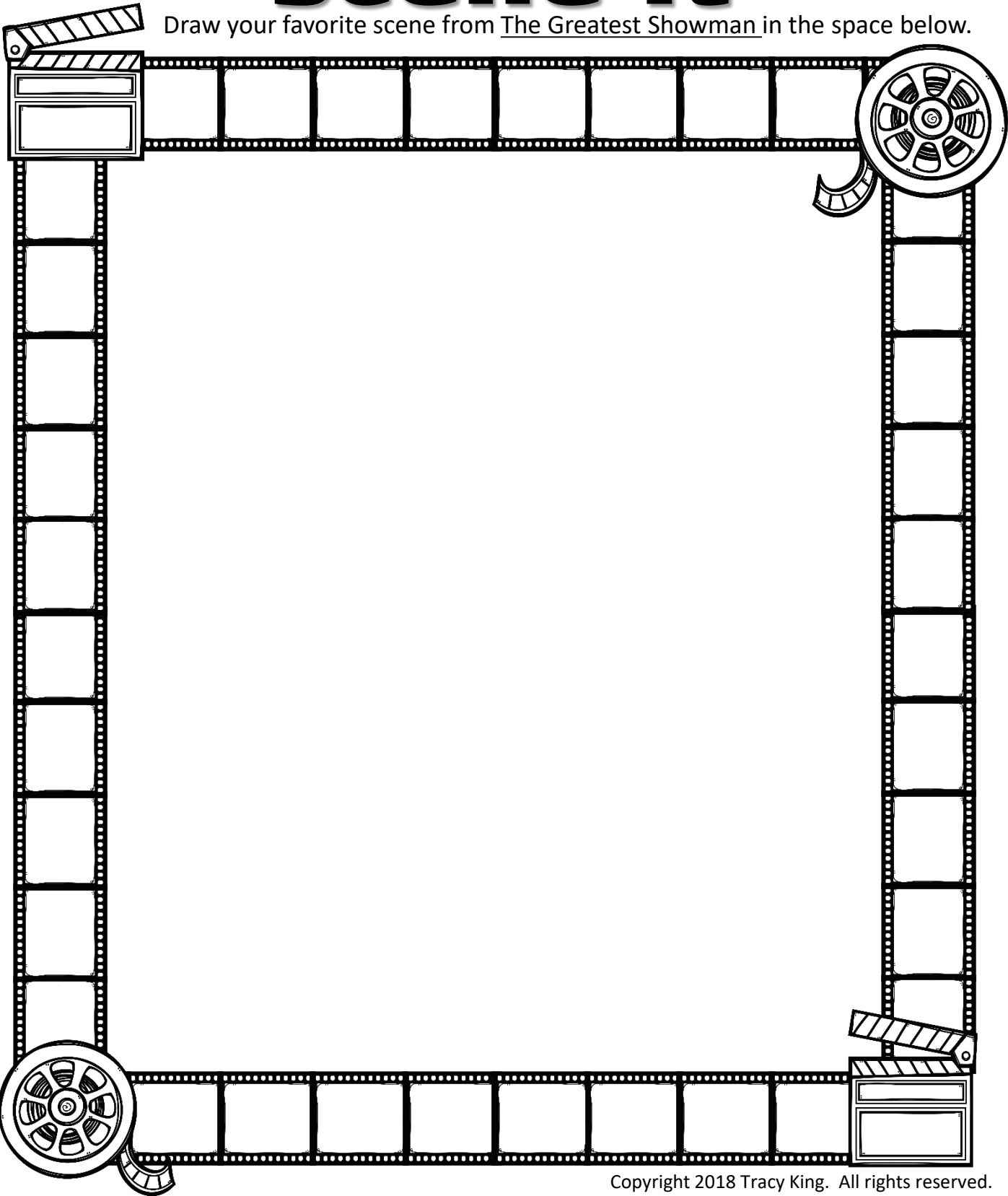


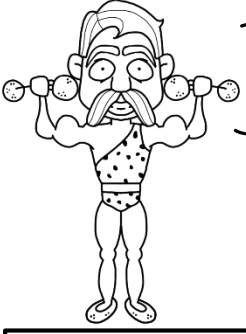
Draw a picture of the setting of The Greatest Showman. When you are finished write a few sentences to describe where this musical took place.



Scene It

Draw your favorite scene from The Greatest Showman in the space below.





Displaying Character

Directions: Think about how each one of the following character traits was displayed by a character in The Greatest Showman. Use details from the musical to support your choices for each trait.

Character Trait: **Courage**
Which character displayed this trait?

Give an example from the musical.

Character Trait: **Kindness**
Which character displayed this trait?

Give an example from the musical.

Character Trait: **Sadness**
Which character displayed this trait?

Give an example from the musical.

Character Trait: **Anger**
Which character displayed this trait?

Give an example from the musical.

Character Trait: **Compassion**
Which character displayed this trait?

Give an example from the musical.

Character Trait: **Confident**
Which character displayed this trait?

Give an example from the musical.



Pasek & Paul

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul make up the Tony Award winning composer duo Pasek and Paul. As a team they write both the songs and lyrics for their songs..

Mr. Paul is a talented pianist. He started playing when he was three at church. Later, he sang and danced at senior centers with Music Theater of Connecticut. In high school he performed in Into the Woods. He also conducted the high school orchestra in Hello, Dolly!

Mr. Pasek had musical parents like Paul and grew up singing with them. His mother is a developmental psychologist and professor that's known for randomly bursting into song. She wrote and performed songs from a child's point of view. In an interview he said that he remembers guest starring with her around the age 7.

Pasek and Paul met in college. Their first job together was composing for a Disney show called *Johnny and the Sprites*. Since then the duo has worked on projects for the Broadway stage and for movies. You may have heard their work in the 2016 animated film, Trolls. They wrote the song "Get Back Up Again".

Their first original musical, Dear Evan Hansen, was inspired by a tragic event in Pasek's life and by a book. It first appeared on stage in 2015 and won many awards and award nominations.

In 2017, their songwriting skills were featured in the musical The Greatest Showman. This musical is about P.T. Barnum, a man that started with nothing and then created an entertainment empire that made him known worldwide. Pasek and Paul have won several awards for their work. They continue to write for movies, television and the stage. Critics have praised their work and say that this writing team is going to do even greater things in the future.



Directions: Using information from the passage above, answer the following questions.

1. Name the two composers that make up Pasek and Paul. _____

2. Where did Pasek and Paul meet? _____
3. What was their first job together? _____

4. What was Pasek and Paul's first original musical to hit the stage?

5. In what year was The Greatest Showman released? _____

The Life of P.T. Barnum



Phineas Taylor Barnum was born on July 5, 1810 in Connecticut. He was a natural salesman and was peddling snacks on the streets by the age of 12. He moved to New York City and tried his hand at several jobs as a young adult, but it was his knack for promotion that really made him successful.

In 1835 he met an elderly woman that claimed she was 161 years old and a former nurse for George Washington. Barnum exhibited her throughout the region sometimes bringing in \$1500 a week! In 1941 he opened Barnum's American Museum in Manhattan. He displayed unusual items he had found and unusual people too.

A year later he met Charles Sherwood Stratton. Stratton weighed 15 pounds and 25 inches tall at the age of four. Barnum trained the boy to sing and dance. He introduced him to the public as General Tom Thumb. This show was a hit and more acts were added.

After fires destroyed two of his museums, Barnum teamed with circus owners Dan Castello and William C. Coup. They launched P.T. Barnum's Grand Traveling Museum, Menagerie, Caravan and Hippodrome. Barnum called it the "greatest show on earth".

In addition to his show business career, Barnum worked hard to transform his hometown of Bridgeport, Connecticut into a bustling economic center. Barnum also served several terms in the Connecticut Legislature and was elected the mayor of Bridgeport in 1875. He helped build the Bridgeport Hospital and was named its' first president.

In 1890, Barnum suffered from a stroke and passed away in April of 1891. Always a business man, it is said that he asked how well the previous night's ticket sales were with his final words. Thanks in part to the enduring success of his circus, Barnum is celebrated as a dazzling promoter and a man who transformed the commercial entertainment industry in the 19th century.

The Colorful Life of P.T. Barnum

Find the answers to the following questions in the reading passage on the previous page. Using crayons, markers or highlighters underline (or highlight) the answers in the passage that match the questions on this page.



1) What does "P.T." stand for?



2) What did visitors see when they visited Barnum's American Museum?



3) What was the real name of the performer that Barnum called "General Tom Thumb"?



4) What are the names of the circus owners that Barnum teamed up with to create the greatest show on earth?



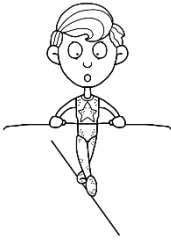
5) Outside of his show business career, what other roles did Barnum play in the community?



6) When did P.T. Barnum pass away?



7) For what is P.T. Barnum remembered?



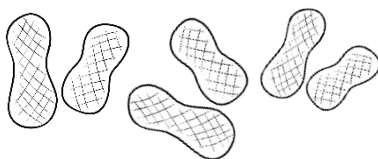
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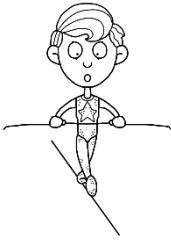


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- CARLYLE
- CIRCUS
- DANCERS
- JENNY LIND
- MILLION DREAMS
- SHOWMAN
- STRONG MAN
- THIS IS ME
- TOM THUMB
- TRAPEZE
- UNIQUE
- WAX MUSEUM





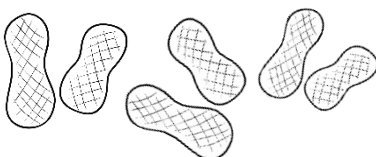
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The Greatest Showman

This musical was inspired by the life and imagination of P.T. Barnum. It celebrates the birth of show business and tells the story of a man that started with nothing and became a worldwide sensation.