I. What can the ‘Greatest Show On Earth’ reveal to us about the roots of injustices experienced by the Bwgcolman people?

Palm Islanders are known as the 'Bwgcolman People', meaning 'many tribes, one people'. It's an acknowledgement that Palm Islanders share a history with over forty different clans.


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First Strategy: Think Puzzle Explore
http:www.visiblethinkingpz.org

1. **What do you think you know about the film ‘Greatest Show on Earth’?**

2. **Watch the film trailer. What questions or puzzles do you have?**
   - Link to Film Trailer (2: 23mins)
   
   https://youtu.be/AXCTMGYUg9A

3. **What does the film make you want to explore?**

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Second Strategy: Claim / Support / Question
http://www.visiblethinkingpz.org

1. Make a **claim** about what you see in the image.

2. Identify **support** for your claim.

3. Ask a **question** related to your claim.

Source: http://nationalunitygovernment.org
August 1882 the circus impresario P. T. Barnum called for examples of "all the uncivilized races in existence." Showman R. A. Cunningham shipped two groups of Australian Aborigines to the United States. They were displayed as "cannibals" in circuses, dime museums, fairgrounds, and other showplaces in America and Europe and examined and photographed by anthropologists.

Source: http://nationalunitygovernment.org/
Links to the ‘Circus Performers’ story

• History of Palm Island

• Aboriginal Slaves carted throughout USA and Europe as 'Circus Performers'
http://nationalunitygovernment.org/content/aboriginal-circus-performers-carted-through-usa-and-europe

• The strange tale of Aboriginal circus performers

• Ngapartji Ngapartji: In turn in turn: Ego-histoire, Europe and Indigenous Australia