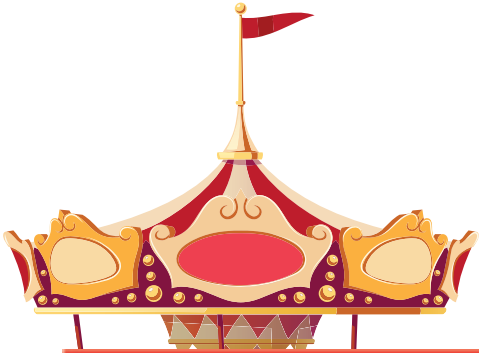


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Carousels, those delightful spinning rides found at amusement parks and fairs, have been captivating people of all ages for generations. Their colorful, ornate designs and whimsical music create an atmosphere of joy and nostalgia. But did you know

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### Early Carousels

The early carousels were quite different from the ones we see today. They didn't feature the colorful, hand-painted animals or the ornate decorations we associate with carousels. Instead, they had wooden horses suspended from chains, and riders would attempt to spear a ring with a lance as they rode past. These early carousels were powered by human or animal effort, usually involving people pushing the platform around in a circle.

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## The Golden Age of Carousels

The late 19th and early 20th centuries marked the golden age of carousels in the United States. Skilled carvers and artisans created intricate wooden animals and ornate decorations that adorned these rides. The most famous carousel carvers of this era include Charles Looff, C.W. Parker, and Gustav Dentzel. Their handcrafted

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One of the most enchanting aspects of carousels is the music that accompanies them. Carousels are equipped with mechanical organs or band organs that play cheerful tunes, creating a whimsical atmosphere. In addition to music, carousels are often adorned with thousands of sparkling lights that come to life as the sun sets, adding to their magical allure.

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## Preserving Carousel History

Many antique carousels have been lovingly restored and preserved for future generations to enjoy. Museums and historic sites across the country showcase these beautifully crafted works of art. Some carousel enthusiasts even dedicate their lives to researching and documenting the history of these rides.

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experiencing a piece of living history that has been enchanting people for  
centuries. So, hop on, grab the brass ring, and enjoy the whirling wonder of the  
carousel!



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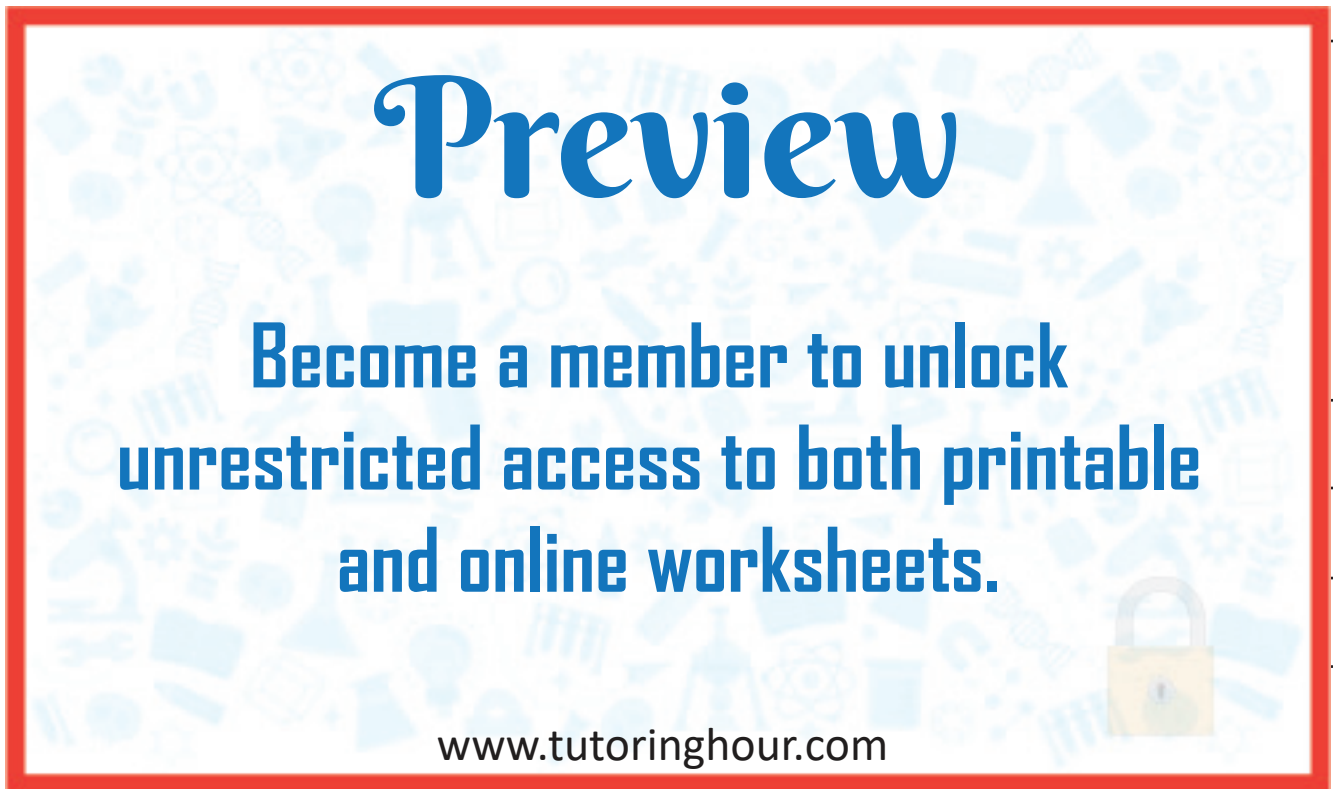
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- 1) How did the transition from knights using carousels for combat training to public entertainment occur?

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- 3) How are modern carousels powered, and what is the purpose of the up-and-down motion of the animals?

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4) What is the role of carousel music in enhancing the carousel experience?

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