In the late 1800s and early 1900s, circuses used elaborate street parades as a way to advertise for their upcoming performances. Draft horses pulled brightly colored wagons down the street while the circus band played for the local townspeople. Baraboo still celebrates its circus history with an annual Big Top Parade.

Top: A Barnum & Bailey Circus street parade in Indiana, 1888
Bottom: The Baraboo Big Top Parade, 2018

Look at the details in these parade photos and think about these questions:

1. How are the photos similar?
2. How are the photos different?
3. What do you think the people watching the parade are thinking?