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Mexico, India, China, Arabia, France, (also acceptable is Europe)

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Carousel means little war in Arabian

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Answers may include: Carousels were used to train the military; carousels were big tournaments based on the Arabian games; and riders rode legless wooden horses around a center pole to practice spearing through small hanging hoops.

4. How were carousels in America first made and used?

Early American Carousels were made by immigrants to earn money. They were used in early versions of amusement parks, like Coney Island.

5. Where did the idea for the Empire State Carousel come from?

The Empire State Carousel began with Gerry Holzman and spread to many others as a way of preserving the ideas of handmade carousels, New York and its people.