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The three styles of carousel styles between 1870 and 1930 were the Coney Island style, the Philadelphia style, and the Country Fair style.

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Loof's carousel animals were elegant, well proportioned, and natural looking.

3. Describe the key parts of Charles Loof's "total carousel experience."

Loof's "total carousel experience" included decorative panels, glass crystals, mirrors, electric lights, colored glass windows, and band organ music.

4. What two aspects of Gustav Dentzel's "Philadelphia" carousels set him apart from other carousel craftsmen?

1. The figures were very realistic, including fur details and real antlers for some animals

2. Dentzel used many types of animals on his carousels, not just horses.

5. Why were the animals on Allan Herschell's "Country Fair" carousels simpler than those on other styles of carousels?

Herschell's carousels had to be lighter and more portable to allow for easy transportation.

As time went on, the figures were also partially made of metal, which means they had to be simpler.

6. What major event in U.S. history led to the end of the era of hand-crafted carousels? What changes in technology helped to end this era?

The Great Depression led to the end of the era of hand crafted carousels. The factories that mass-produced fully made metal animals also helped end this era.
