

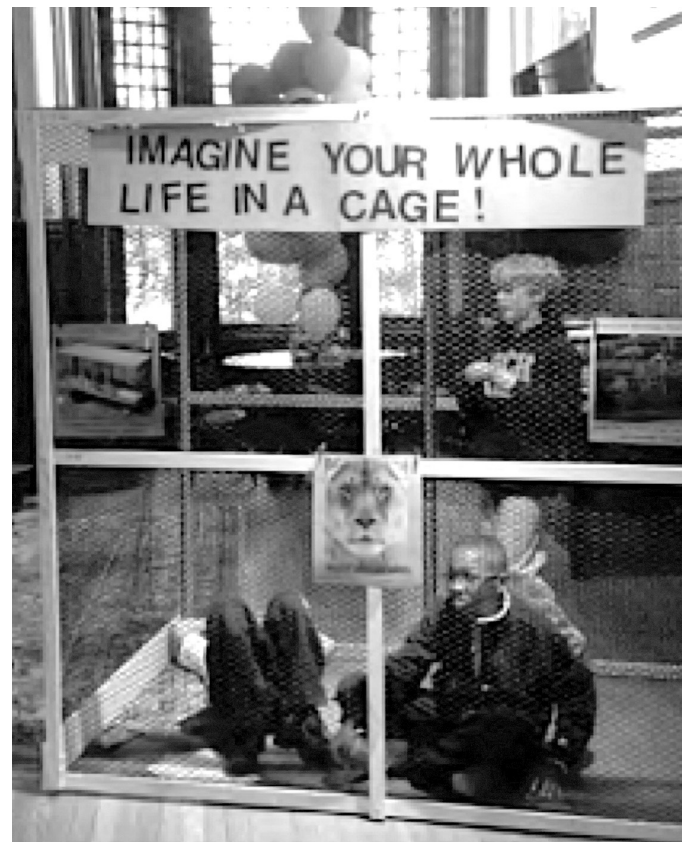
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Key Vocabulary	
captive	kept in a place (such as a prison or a cage) and not allowed to leave
consent	to agree
reality	an actual situation

Lions, Tigers, and Bears ... Oh, My!

When a group of 4th grade students in Philadelphia realized how little room tigers in the circus have in the cages they spend most of their life in, they were shocked. The three students asked their school principal if they could create a cage in their school hallway to sit in so that other students could consider the daily **reality** of confined animals. The principal **consented**; the three boys sat in the cage they had made with a sign telling the facts about the life **captive** tigers lead. The whole school population learned the reasons not to support the use of captive wildlife in the entertainment industry.

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Comprehension Questions: Lions, Tigers, and Bears ... Oh, My!

1. What did the students do after they learned how little space tigers in circuses have in the cages in which they spend most of their life?

2. Why did the students want to create a cage in their school hallway to sit in?

3. Why do you think humans use wildlife to entertain people in circuses and marine parks?

4. Do you think it's fair to use captive wildlife for entertainment? Why or why not?

Answer Sheet:

Lions, Tigers, and Bears ... Oh, My!

- 1. What did the students do after they learned how little space tigers in circuses have in the cages in which they spend most of their life?**

Answer: After they learned how little space tigers in circuses have in the cages in which they spend most of their life, the students asked their principal if they could create a cage in their school hallway to sit in so that other students could consider the daily reality for confined animals. (Literal)

- 2. Why did the students want to create a cage in their school hallway to sit in?**

Answer: The students wanted to create a cage in their school hallway to sit in so that they could show other students why they shouldn't support the use of captive wildlife in the entertainment industry. (Literal)

- 3. Why do you think humans use wildlife to entertain people in circuses and marine parks?**

Possible answer: Humans use wildlife to entertain people because they make money by doing so, it's legal, and they believe that it's OK to force animals to perform tricks. (Evaluative)

- 4. Do you think it's fair to use captive wildlife for entertainment? Why or why not?**

Possible answer: I don't think it's fair to use captive wildlife for entertainment, because the animals don't get to be free, enjoy time with their family, or live in their natural habitat. Humans shouldn't take these things away from animals because they're important to them. (Evaluative)