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Step right up and enjoy the hustle and bustle at the State Fair! You'll have hours of fun on the midway as you discover the stories of the people you see strolling, eating mysterious fried foods, riding the Ferris wheel and carousel, and celebrating the fun that only a state fair can offer in Eric's folk art.

1. The word 'carousel' comes from the Italian word "garosello" meaning "little war".
2. Can you find all seven people who have a Giant Turkey Leg?
3. Look! It's as big as me!
4. A Giant Turkey Leg has a lot of calories; 1,136 to be exact.
5. Cotton Candy was introduced by a dentist named William Morrison in 1904 and was known as "Fairy Floss."
6. Carnival games originated in the royal courts of the Renaissance and became popular in the U.S. in the 1800s.
7. Stuffed animals were originally not the only prizes in carnival games. Straw hats, porcelain dolls, pocket knives, religious pictures, and more were common. Grocery items were the most popular during the Great Depression.
8. Over 3,200 fairs in North America are held each year.
9. Livestock contests were the first events in state fairs. Many more contests like cakes, fashion shows, and rodeos came later and are now a staple for state fairs.
10. The first state fair originated in Syracuse, New York in 1841 from a man named Elkanah Watson.
11. Yes. It is a chicken on his head.
12. Name a treat! Deep-fried food, funnel cakes, pizza, corn dogs, even elephant ears are available for the public to eat!
13. Who invented the corn dog? Texas or Minnesota? Either way, it still tastes great!
14. Every state fair has an icon, whether it's a stature or a slogan, it's a memorable one.
15. The first, and still largest, Ferris Wheel was built for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.
16. Some state fairs last for one afternoon while others last for several weeks.
17. In 1950, Elvis performed at the Cotton Bowl as did the Beatles in 1964.