

# Walt Disney

Walt Disney was one of the most famous people ever to have lived. He **touched** **has touched** the lives of millions of children and adults. He holds the record for winning the most Academy Awards (26) and was an innovative film producer and animator. He **created** **has created** some of the most successful characters, movies and theme parks of the 20th Century.

Disney was born in 1901 in Chicago. He **has developed** **developed** a great love of drawing as a youngster. When he **was** **is** ten, he **discovered** **has discovered** the world of theatre and cinema and fell in love with it. He became the cartoonist for his high school newspaper. In 1920, he **set up** **has set up** his own animation company and his "Laugh-O-Gram" cartoons became very popular. Disney wanted more and so he **has moved** **moved** to Hollywood. He developed a character based on a pet mouse he once had. He **gave** **has given** the mouse his own voice and personality. Disney's wife *named him Mickey*. Disney put Mickey in his first movie with sound, 'Steamboat Willie'. By 1930, Mickey Mouse **has been** **was** the world's most popular cartoon

character and Walt Disney was a household name.

Following on from Mickey's success, Disney **has created** **created** characters such as Donald Duck, Goofy, and Pluto.





He then **produced** **has produced** an animated feature-length version of Snow White, which was the most successful movie of 1938. Dozens more movies **has followed** **followed**, including Fantasia and Bambi. Disney **built up** **has built up** a global entertainment empire, including his Disneyland theme park. He **has died** **died** of cancer in 1966.

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