



Name _____ Date _____

WALT DISNEY

Where is “the happiest place on earth”? Some say it is Disneyland! Do you know the person who created this amazing theme park? He was a man named Walt Disney. Walt Disney was a pioneer in motion pictures. He also created Mickey Mouse and the Disney World theme parks. Walt Disney received hundreds of awards from all over the world.

Walt Disney was born in Chicago, Illinois. He was raised on a farm in Missouri with four other siblings. Walt’s parents, Flora and Elias Disney, encouraged his creativity and sketches and drawings. Walt sold his first sketches at the age of seven.

After serving some time in the Red Cross, Walt got a job as an advertising cartoonist. This was where he marketed and created his first animated cartoon. In 1925, Walt married Lillian Bounds. They had two daughters. Another important member of the family was brought to life in 1928. That was Mickey Mouse.

Walt perfected the combination of animation and sound. *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* was created in 1937. Since then, the Disney name has gone on to produce hundreds of animated movies.

STORY QUESTIONS

- What are the author’s feelings about Walt Disney?
 - indifferent
 - disapproves
 - unsure
 - admires
- Which sentence shows how the author feels about Walt Disney?
 - Walt married Lillian Bounds.
 - Disney was born in Chicago.
 - Walt Disney perfected the combination of animation and sound.
 - Walt got a job as an advertising cartoonist.
- Which sentence is not an example of the encouragement Disney received through the years?
 - He got a job at an advertising agency.
 - He invented Mickey Mouse.
 - His parents encouraged his creativity.
 - He received awards from all over the world.
- What is the meaning of word *pioneer* in this passage?
 - trailblazer of new ideas
 - worker
 - traveled across the plains
 - nomads