

Walt Disney



5 December 1901 - 15 December 1966

American entrepreneur, animator, voice actor and film producer



Private life

- * born in Chicago
- * developed an early interest in drawing
- * 3 brothers, 1 sister
- * shy, self-deprecating man in private
- * warm, outgoing public persona
- * died of lung cancer



Career :

- took art classes
- at 18, commercial illustrator
- in the early 1920s, set up the Disney Brothers Studios in Hollywood with his brother Roy
 - 1928 : developed the character Mickey Mouse
- introduced synchronized sound, full-color three-strip Technicolor, feature length cartoons and technical developments in cameras
- 1950s : expanded into the amusement park industry
 - 1955 : opened Disneyland

What to remember of his work?

Mickey Mouse = 1st highly popular success

1937 : Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs : high praise from critics and audiences

↳ 1939-1941 : Golden Age of Animation -> Pinocchio, Fantasia, Dumbo

1950s : Cinderella, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan

↳ **Mary Poppins 1964 : 5 academy awards**

