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