

Walt Disney

We will talk about Walt Disney. So first I suppose you all know some movies of Walt Disney but did you know about their history and goals? So we will explain you the history and the goals of a selection of Disney cartoons.

1-The History

Walt Disney was first and foremost a person called Walter Elias Disney. He was born on the 5 of december 1901 in Chicago and he died on the 15th of december in Los Angeles. He was an American entrepreneur, cartoonist, animator, actor, and he was one of the most popular film producers of the world. In 1928, Walter Disney created a mouse in his old garage and it all began from there. This mouse was originally named « Mortimer » and was later renamed « Mickey » because Mortimer didn't sound appealing enough. Mickey Mouse is a kind of alter ego of Walter. Mickey Mouse evolved with the time.

The first silent animated short movie with Mickey Mouse was named Steamboat Willie and came out on the 18 november 1928.

Mickey generally appears alongside his girlfriend Minnie Mouse, his pet dog Pluto and his friend Donald Duck among others. In 1929 Walter set up the Walt Disney Production which was an eponymous society. Thanks to this society he could create more characters, do theme speak and color the cartoons. This society was renamed in 1984 Walt Disney Pictures.

2-The cartoons

From 1937 until today there are 54 movies that were created by Walt Disney Pictures. They are all very different from one another and each of them is very interesting in its way. Walt Disney Production created its first full-length movie, « Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs » in 1937. The 54 movies where made in the following order :

1. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, 1937
2. Pinnochio, 1940
3. Walt Disney's Fantasia, 1940
4. Dumbo, 1941
5. Bambi, 1942
6. Saludos Amigos, 1942
7. The three Caballeros, 1944
8. Make Mine Music (La Boîte à musique), 1946
9. Fun and Fancy Free (Coquin de printemps), 1947
10. Melody Time (Mélodie Cocktail), 1948 which is the first disney with real actors
11. The Adventures of Ichabod and Mister Toad (Le crapaud et le Maitre d'école), 1949
12. Cinderella, 1950
13. Alice in Wonderland, 1951
14. Peter Pan, 1953
15. Lady and the Tramp (la Belle et le Clochard), 1955
16. Sleeping Beauty (La Belle au Bois dormant), 1959
17. One Hundred and One Dalmatians, 1961
18. The Sword in the Stone (Merlin l'Enchanteur), 1963
19. The Jungle Book, 1967
20. The Aristocats, 1970

21. Robin Hood, 1973
22. The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh, 1977
23. The Rescuers (Les Aventures de Bernard et Bianca), 1977
24. The Fox and the Hound (Rox et Rouky), 1981
25. The Black Cauldron (Tamar et le Chaudron magique), 1985
26. The Great Mouse Detective (Basil, detective privé), 1986 which is made with computer and hand-made drawing
27. Oliver and Company, 1988
28. The Little Mermaid (La petite Sirène), 1988
29. The Rescuers Down Under (Bernard et Bianca au pays des kangourous), 1990
30. Beauty and the Beast, 1991
31. Aladdin, 1992
32. The Lion King, 1994
33. Pocahontas
34. The Hunchback of Notre Dame, 1996
35. Hercules, 1997
36. Mulan, 1998
37. Tarzan, 1999
38. Fantasia 2000, 1999
39. Dinosaur, 2000
40. The Emperor's New Groove (Kuzuco, L'empereur mégalo), 2000
41. Atlantis, the Lost Empire (Atlantide, l'empire perdu), 2001
42. Lilo and Stitch, 2002
43. Treasure Planet (La Planète au trésor, un nouvel univers), 2002
44. Brother Bear (Frère des ours), 2003
45. Home on the Range (La ferme se rebelle), 2004
46. Chicken Little, 2005
47. Meet the Robinsons (Bienvenue chez les Robinson), 2007
48. Bolt (Volt, star malgré lui), 2008
49. The Princess and the Frog, 2009
50. Tangled (Raiponce), 2010
51. Winnie the Pooh, 2011
52. Wreck-It Ralph (les Mondes de Ralph), 2012
53. Frozen (La Reine des neiges), 2013
54. Big Heros 6 (Les Nouveaux Héros), 2014

Each of these cartoon has beautiful songs. As time went on there was always more and more evolution from each film to the next. There are different characters for the great majority of the films.

We did a survey on the favorite Walt Disney Cartoons and we would like to know what your favorites are. So what is your favorite Disney movie?

3-The Goals of the cartoons

Walter Disney said : « Animation offers a medium of story telling and visual entertainment which can bring pleasure and information to people of all ages everywhere in the world »
 A lot of the Walt Disney Production movies are based on the Brothers Grimm tales. The goals of the tales are to develop a moral code to live by among the reader and to bring him or her value and principle. The tales are fantastical stories which nevertheless reflect our everyday society. Like Walt Disney cartoons they are emotional and philosophical. But the primary objective of those movies are to make the audience dream for a moment.

The children identify themselves with somebody in the cartoon and often with the hero. They liken situations in the movie to situations in real life which helps them to overcome situations and to grow up. The different adventures that the hero goes through will help the children his life long to answer life's really big questions such as the meaning of good and evil, love, jealousy, death and many others. The children will understand some notions and develop their imagination. In the Disney movies the villain is never killed by the hero himself. There isn't direct violence and the villain dies by himself what is the logical consequence of his bad action. There is always a happy end for the hero and a bad one for the villain.

The movies will often be about the theme of the difference and the family with for instance the acceptance of others and the conflicts between brothers and sisters.

In conclusion Disney movies all have a didactic aim and all want make the viewer dream. Walter Disney said in 1954 : « I only hope that we never lose sight of one thing – that it was all started by a mouse. » I want to tell you about a famous quote of Walter that you always should keep in mind. « All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them. »