

5504640235

Chotipathana Laopoonpittaya

How has Walt Disney changed the world?

Word count:1,045 words

Everything comes from attempt. If you think it is impossible, it is always impossible. Walt Disney, the man who had an imagination, tried to make his imagination a dream come true. He was like a normal kid but the things that we called effort and intention changed him from general person to one of the most famous businessmen and American filmmakers.<sup>1</sup> Walt Disney used his imagination and attempt to create the cartoon animation. For instance, the most unforgettable character, Mickey Mouse, and he then created the land full of imaginations and dreams like Disneyland.<sup>2</sup> The attempt of Walt Disney has changed the way people think from "It is impossible" to "It can be possible" as you can see from many evidence: from cartoon picture to animation, from black and white to colorful picture, and from imagination to the realistic world.

At that time, what many people cannot believe is that Walt Disney transformed cartoon pictures into animation. Before he did so, everyone would not imagine pictures converting to animations, not even the pictures that can move. During that time, if someone thought about this idea, most of them would probably refused this idea. As the time went by, Walt Disney came along and changed everyone's mind. He has changed how we perceive things beyond imagination. This has encouraged us in

---

<sup>1</sup> Finch, Christopher. *The art of Walt Disney*. 1975. p.17.

<sup>2</sup> Finch, Christopher. *The art of Walt Disney*. 1975. p.145.

trying to make such things come true. People admire what Walt Disney have done and praised him. Walt Disney is the idol and the inspiration for people who love and like to create animation. He revolutionized animation industry. Up to now, animation industry has extremely grown and currently become the vital industry which plays an important role in our world. Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Daisy Duck, Goofy, Pluto, Winnie the Pooh, Pinocchio, Snow White, and Cinderella are the most popular cartoon characters which were created by Walt Disney. Because most audience is children, the movement of cartoon characters makes it easier for children to understand what the characters are doing and what emotions they are expressing. This is a good way to teach children what is right and what is wrong because children tend to imitate how the characters act. So, if you want your children to work hard, you will have to design a diligent character. Animations can also give life to inanimate things. Birds will sing your favorite tune, piano will play by itself when you walk pass, and hot dogs will jump out of bun and dance around with ketchup covered bodies. "I am so dehydrated today, I am going to need you to water me," could be what your plant wants to say to you in a sunny day. In reality, you will never hear this from your plant, but in the magical world Walt Disney has created, everything that you would never have expected to talk to you, will talk to you. Everything is possible in the wonderful world of Walt Disney.

Not only has Walt Disney introduced animation to the world, he has also brought color into it. In black and white animation, it was very difficult to separate things in various colors. People would not be able to distinguish what they saw, for example a green apple or a red apple. Walt Disney needed his animation to become more realistic and he would like people to perceive the reality. So, he tried to put

colors to his animation. However, the way to success was not at all easy. Although he failed many times in his experiment of putting the colors into his animation, he did not give up until he overcame all obstacles and succeeded all of his goals.<sup>3</sup> By his endeavor, he completed his work. He has invented color animation which looks more natural than black and white animation. Color animation makes the animation more enjoyable, and thus brings more smiles and laughs to the world. Nowadays, there are more and more people watching the animation, and numbers of color televisions has been increasingly sold since Walt Disney created color animation.<sup>4</sup>

It is a dream of every child that they can be in the world of cartoon animation and can play and talk with cartoon characters that they love. In the past, it was impossible to see the cartoon characters outside the television and most people say that you can only see them in your dream. Because Walt Disney also had this dream, he would like his dream to become true.<sup>5</sup> He planned to build the dream park named Disneyland in which his cartoon characters could come to life and interact with the visitors. He also wanted Disneyland to cater all the family members and he would like to use his park to be the place where parents and their children could have fun together.<sup>6</sup> Because Walt Disney extremely loved his family<sup>7</sup>, he wanted other families to be happy like him. The guests can also escape from the boring everyday life, and step into Disneyland where they can relax and have fun. All of what he did is for

---

<sup>3</sup> Wikipedia contributors. "WaltDisney." *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*. 9 Sep 2012  
<[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walt\\_Disney](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walt_Disney)>

<sup>4</sup> Wikipedia contributors. "WaltDisney." *Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*. 9 Sep 2012  
<[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walt\\_Disney](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walt_Disney)>

<sup>5</sup> Capodagli, Bill. Jackson, Lynn. *The Disney way*. 1998.p15.

<sup>6</sup> Reece Fischer. " The creation of Disneyland." *University honors*. 10 Sep 2012.<<http://universityhonors.umd.edu/HONR269J/projects/fischer.html>>

<sup>7</sup> Kael, Pauline. *The Disney version*. 1968. p.251.

everyone to be happy and to enjoy life. It is not easy to complete all of these works in building such an immense theme park if you are not adequately ambitious. Walt Disney had thought about this again and again and had taken a long time to achieve his goal. He has made people believe that they can make their dreams come true.

Walt Disney is an example of the one who wants to change the world. He has proved us that impossibility does not exist. Imagination instead is a place full of possibilities. It cannot be denied that Walt Disney has influenced the way we consume media. He has sparked the idea of change on people and has brought inspiration to them. Now, everyone with imagination can transform such extraordinary imagination into reality because of him. In Walt Disney's world, everything can be real.