Success is measured in many different ways. Money, positions, and accomplishments are the most popular ones. But a way that people need to look at success is within them. Success can be a personal feeling; it doesn’t necessarily need to be approved by others. Once you find personal success the rest will fall into place, as it should. One Individual that discovered self-success is a man by the name of Walt Disney.

Walt Disney is a mega successful animator, director, producer and what I call a “world creator.” Though Walt might be seen as a man who had everything, it was not always this way. He has gone through some ups and downs to get where he ended up. Growing up Walt and his brothers did not have the best relationship with their father so they all left the house at an early age. Walt went on to drive an ambulance in World War I. After returning home he worked for a newspaper company but was later fired because they said he lacked creativity.

After the failure of his cartoon series Walt had to declare bankruptcy. He then headed to Los Angles with nothing except a case containing a few pairs of clothes and $40 cash. Because of the reticule of his earlier cartoon series Walt felt that he was not a great cartoonist so he perused an acting career. Once Walt and his brother realized there was no Animation Company in California, he and his brother Roy started a company; it was only up from here. Until the success of their most popular series *Oswald the Lucky Rabbit* was disturbed by the fact that Walt did not own the rights to the character. This lead to the rise of Mickey Mouse, Walt Disney’s most famous character and the face of his empire.

I chose to learn more about the success story of Walt Disney because he is a man who created not only family fun, but also a lifestyle that will live on for centuries. Walt’s journey can relate to my journey in the way that we are both doubted by others; but inside we know that only greatness will come with the right amount of effort. Ones journey to success will always face some obstacles, but if you achieve self-success you will have the power to go as far as you want.

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