Life, Lemons, and Pen to Paper;

*Walt Disney, a man that turned his gift into a gift for others.*

” When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.”

This metaphor is typically observed as a saying to make something good out of life, even if it gives you something sour. I believe that it also brings up the topic of success, because what does good lemonade taste like? What are the criteria that can be used to define a successful life? Who is an example of this?

These questions along with some others will be touched upon in this report.

However, when I started this project, I narrowed down my questions of success to three main questions.

1. What is Success?
2. Who is Someone that is Successful by my definition?
3. How can I learn and grow from this project?

My personal thought process upon defining success made a list of characteristics, aspects or assets that I view people with success to have. Successful people, in my opinion, have the following aspects, characteristics or assets.

They:

* Have a comfortable lifestyle -being middle to upper class-
* have made and accomplished a major goal that impacts society, community, city or themselves
* have a balanced life that allows them to maintain their lives with their families and work while also giving them free time.
* have Influenced (This is generalised for a purpose)
* Made a mark on the world with something of their own doing
* Have made a positive reputation or legacy (have made an name for themselves)
* Unique
* Always learning and reaching a level of determination to continue on in life
* Confidence
* Established them to have a position of power

My Final Definition:

A successful person is someone who lives comfortable, being prosperous in finance to whatever degree they want/need to make in order to have an comfortable financial lifestyle. They have a legacy and an reputation that left an mark on the world and have accomplished an major goal.

Overcoming their struggles, this life goal with all the results and event stemming from it affected society, their community, where they live or themselves in a positive light

Always learning, a successful person is confident in what they do and establish themselves in an place of influence in the world. They are unique and are brought into this lifestyle by their determination. They have influence, being able to change others because of how they have established themselves, and have a certain power. Having a balanced life, they maintaining their family and work life with equal importance, while also taking time for themselves as they know where their priorities lie.

2. The person I picked for someone who I believe was successful was Walt Disney…

Biography:

Walter Elias "Walt" Disney was born on December 5, 1901, in the Hermosa section of Chicago, Illinois. He spent most of his childhood in Marceline, Missouri, where he began painting, drawing and selling his art to neighbours and family friends. Walt Disney attended McKinley High School in Chicago, where he took drawing and photography classes and was a contributing cartoonist for the school paper. Being 16, when Walt dropped out of school to join the army, he was rejected for being underage. Walt grew more irritated to get involved in the war, telling his parents, "I don't want my grandchildren asking me, 'Why weren't you in the war? Were you a slacker?” He later became involved with the war as a member of the red cross, going to France for a year to drive an ambulance. Afterwards, he once again returned to France after receiving a better education to begin his new job as a newspaper artist. Meeting a cartoonist named Ubbe Eert Iwerks better remembered as Ub Iwek, Walt began to experiment with a camera as a cartoon newspaper artist. He started doing hand-drawn gel animation and decided from there, to start his own animation business. From the ad company, he employed Fred Harman as his first employee. From there, they made a deal with a local Kansas City theatre to screen their cartoons, under the name Laugh-O-Grams. Under their studio with the same name, they gain huge success of these cartoons but fell into bankruptcy further on due to debt. Walt and his brother Roy soon gathered their money and moved to Hollywood. Iwerks also moved to California, and there the three began the Disney Brothers' Studio. In 1925, Walt hired an ink-and-paint artist named Lillian Bounds and they later became married. With the creation of Mickey Mouse, and later Silly Symphonies in 1929, his iconic character’s rooster grew featuring Minnie mouse, Donald duck, Goofy and Pluto, soon to be house-hold names for the millions. He created classics, and as number of shorts and cartoons by Disney grew, as did his success through such films as Alice in Wonderland (1951), Peter Pan (1953), Lady and the Tramp (1955), Sleeping Beauty (1959) and 101 Dalmatians (1961). In all, more than 100 features were produced by his studio. Disney's last major success that he produced himself was the motion picture Mary Poppins (1964), which mixed live action and animation. He opened Disneyland theme park opened on July 17, 1955, in Anaheim, California and now Disney has spread its grasp all around the world through its cartoons, film, music and the addition of new parks in such places as Hong Kong. Walt started out as a little boy, selling art to his neighbours, and that love of art continued with him and the coming generation for centuries to come.

3 reasons why:

Disney was my definition of successful because of his power, the influence he had on the world as a whole and the immense wealth he gained through determination and perseverance. He never gave up, and I feel like his bankruptcy as a defining moment in his career as he continued to push to make an difference. Trying to fight in the war and be someone, to have his grandchildren proud of their grandfather, even at a young age, he was already showing signs for success. His characters became household names to this day and I feel that this is evidence of his success because he made a legacy out of his cartoons and define the era. The influence his characters have on the world still last to this day, as he inspired children to grow up and continue the desire to draw, and to make something that your children would be proud of. That is the power I feel someone with success have. As they actively try to learn and grow as a person, while having the ability to shape people’s childhoods and dreams. He started from nothing but a love for art and now look at his company. Look at how he changed people and change his sketches into a company that would shape the generations to come. His attention to detail and precision with a drawing made all his work his best work, and his personality really showed through his art. He made us laugh, cry and become afraid, and made a part of all of our childhood. His legacy lives on, and his accomplishment to draw art became so much more... His drawing began to break old traditions and rendition the cartoon industry speechless as they tested the bounds of animation and live action. Flowers and Trees was the first cartoon to be produced in colour and to win an Oscar. In 1933, The Three Little Pigs and its title song "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?" became a theme for the country in the midst of the Great Depression. He made his own success through brute talent and a creativity that made stories that changed the world. On December 21, 1937, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the first full-length animated film, premiered in Los Angeles produced an unimaginable $1.499 million, in spite of the Depression, and won a total of eight Oscars. Walt Disney was a legend in the cartoon business and as an person. Walt Disney is a company that at the time of death was more then 100 million dollars, not to mention the stocks and investments that are being made to this day. These films would last centuries ahead as they continue to be enjoyable as they preserve a quality that has never been made the same.. That is why I believe Walt Disney was an example of success

3. I can apply Walt’s determination to my own work and strive for excellence in small tasks so that I can gain bigger opportunity. Even with that even if I fail, I will keep trying to push forward with my dream. Walt Disney started from the humble beginning, and if he can so can I, and with hard work, I can try to reach that level of success.

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