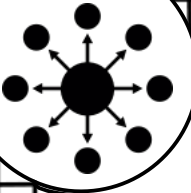


Mrs Waggie Reading Comprehension Stage 3 Week 8 Term 3



Monday 30th
Main Idea and Detail
Walt Disney

Walt Disney was born on December 5, 1901. He lived in Missouri for some of his childhood before moving to Chicago. While in high school, Disney began drawing cartoons. It soon became his passion and he became determined to be a good cartoonist. He worked on the school paper using his creations.

When Disney graduated, he eventually found work at an ad agency. This is where he began to experiment with animations. He worked with a camera to create images that looked as though they were moving. Disney decided to go into business for himself because he wanted to do things no one else had ever done before.

Disney's company started making short comedy films. They were called, Laugh-O-Grams. Disney and his partner Fred, made a deal with a local theatre to show their cartoons. Soon people were enjoying their short films. The Laugh-O-Grams were so successful that Disney and Fred expanded the company.

Disney's first cartoon was called Alice in Cartoonland. It was seven minutes long. The cartoon used a cartoon and an animation but the project was not successful and Disney ended up losing money. Soon after, he lost the entire company. This sad turn of events did not keep Disney down for long. He had dreams and he was going to make sure they came true.

Disney moved to California with his brother Roy. They set up a new company. It was called Disney Studios. During this time, Disney created the cartoon character Mordecai Mouse, which later became the Mickey Mouse we know today. Disney and his brother worked very hard to make the studio successful, though it wasn't always easy.

Disney faced hard times once more. A distributor he worked with stole his cartoons. He even lost employees to the same person. On top of that problem, the silent cartoons they created were not successful. Through all of these difficult and trying times, Disney never gave up.

Things began to change when the technology to add sound to films became available. Disney went to work. His studio created the movie Steamboat Willie. It starred Mickey Mouse with Walt Disney as his voice. Steamboat Willie was a success.

Soon after the release of Steamboat Willie, Disney released another film. Silly Symphonies starred Mickey Mouse and his new friends, Donald Duck, Minnie Mouse, Pluto, and Goofy. This was the start of Disney's great success. The first of Disney's films to get an award was also the first one to be in color. It was called *Flowers and Trees*. In 1937, Disney Studios created their first full-length movie, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. This movie took three years to finish.

The success Disney experienced made him happy, but he was not satisfied. He wanted to bring as much joy to people as he could. He created the theme park, Disneyland, so everyone could have a magical experience. Children could come to the theme park and meet their favorite cartoon characters in person. Walt Disney had a dream. He worked hard to see his dream come true. His legacy lives on in all of his movies and the cartoon characters he created.



Main Idea and Detail

Walt Disney - Comprehension

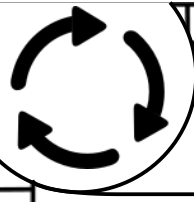
1. What was the main idea of this passage on Walt Disney?

2. Go back in the text and underline three details to support the main idea. Write the details you underlined below.

3. The details help me understand the main idea because...





4. Describe what happened to turn Disney's failing career around.






5. What character traits did Disney have that helped him be a successful cartoonist?









Tuesday 31st August
Sequencing
Sequencing with Pictures

The illustrations below are not in order. Number the boxes so the images are in order. Then below each picture, write a caption describing what is happening.

			
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Wednesday 1st Sept.
Questioning
The Titanic

The Titanic was an ocean liner built in 1912. A liner is a ship created to take people from one destination to another. The Titanic was a British liner. Its purpose was to transport passengers and mail from Southampton to New York. At the time of her maiden voyage, it was the largest ship on the seas.

On April 10, 1912 the Titanic set sail with 2,200 passengers and crewmembers. Just four days later, the ship hit an iceberg and sank. Out of the 2,200 people on board, only 700 survived. The tale of the Titanic is tragic for many reasons, but the fact that so many people died when they didn't have to is on top of the list. Many ship experts now believe the Titanic was doomed from the beginning. The design of the ship was flawed.

The first flaw was with the bulkhead. The ship had a double bottom, and 15 watertight bulkheads, or compartments. The captain on the bridge of the ship could operate the doors to the bulkheads. It was this feature that caused experts to claim the ship was unsinkable. If the bottom of the ship started to take on water, the doors would close and everything would be fine. The problem was, any water that got into the bulkheads could spill into each of the 15 compartments.

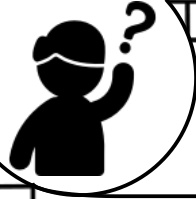
The second flaw was the number of lifeboats on the Titanic. There were only 16 lifeboats. A full ship could carry 3,300 people and 16 lifeboats could only hold 1,178. Only a third of the passengers could be saved.

On the night the Titanic sank, it was sailing through the Atlantic Ocean on calm seas. There had been reports of ice, but so far the captain had seen nothing alarming. A lookout spotted the iceberg. The Titanic was heading directly toward it. The lookout rang the warning bell and phoned the bridge. The engines were reversed, the ship made a sharp turn, and everything was fine. The Titanic only grazed the side of the iceberg. All was well. Or so it seemed.

What no one knew at the time was that the jagged underwater portion of the iceberg slashed a 300-foot gash into the side of the ship below the surface of the water. When the captain went below deck to see the damage, he was alarmed at how bad it was. Many of the bulkhead compartments had filled with water. The bow of the ship was dipping downward. There was little time to spare. The captain ordered for the lifeboats to be loaded and called for help.

Each lifeboat had room for 65 people. The first lifeboat left with only 28 people. In the chaos and confusion, every boat was then launched with less people than they could hold. Some of them only had a handful of people in them. There are many recorded acts of both courage and cowardice that night. Sea laws state that women and children are to be evacuated first, but many women and children were left behind in the confusion. Some people refused to go, and gave up their spots on the lifeboat for others who needed them more.

The Titanic took a little over three hours to sink. Another ship in the area raced to its location and began rounding up the survivors. Word spread slowly about the news. No one could believe the 'unsinkable' ship had actually sunk the first time it set sail. It was a tragedy that shook the entire world.



Questioning **The Titanic- Comprehension**

1. RIGHT THERE -Where was the Titanic sailing when it sunk?

2. THINK AND SEARCH – What things went wrong to cause so many people to lose their lives?

3. AUTHOR AND YOU – What could have happened if there were enough lifeboats to fit all the passengers?

4. ON YOUR OWN – If you were to redesign the Titanic, what would you do differently to make it more safe?



Thursday 2nd Sept

Inferring

Look at the photographs. Use them to answer the questions by making inferences.



What is happening?

Observations that support your answer



What is happening?

Observations that support your answer



What is happening?

Observations that support your answer
