

EXPLORING DISNEY ANIMATION HISTORY

LIBERAL ARTS

Designed For Students:
Grades 3rd-12th
Ages 8-18

Program Length:
3 hours

Park:
Disney's Hollywood Studios®
Meet at the flagpole outside the Main Entrance

OVERVIEW

Enroll in the Animation Academy, birthplace of many Disney animated feature films, to discover the innovative animation processes Walt Disney developed that changed the way stories were told and brought beloved characters to life. Students will learn how to sketch a famous Disney character, experiment with early animation toys and develop their storytelling skills.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Walt Disney: One Man's Dream

Walt Disney was a dreamer who imagined entertaining people beyond the boundaries of the cinema.

- Students will discover Walt Disney's role as a leader and innovator in the animation and entertainment industries

The Magic of Disney Animation

For centuries, artists tried to make the figures they had drawn move, or give the suggestion of motion.

- In *Drawn to Animation*, students examine the art of character development
- In a participatory drawing session with a Disney artist, students layer simple geometric shapes to create a classical Disney character
- Students examine the steps of animation to see that the art form is a complex process that takes a skilled team to bring drawings to life

The History of Animation

Animation as we know it today is the result of many ideas and concepts coming together. It is one of the oldest art forms, dating back to the days of prehistoric people and the artists of ancient Egypt and Greece.

- Students will explore the link between early optical toys and the beginning of early animation
- Students discover early animation toys including the thaumatrope, phenakistoscope, and zoetrope

Story Creation

The story is the basis for all films, whether live action or animated. Ideas for stories come from all sources.

- Ideas come together as a story when students get the chance to create their own storyboard
- Students learn the technique of pitching their story to their peers
- Students discover the magnitude of the number of drawings created for a full-length animated feature
- Using a kineograph, students try their hand at creating 1/12 of a second of animation

GROUP LEADER RESOURCES

A video overview of *Exploring Disney Animation History* is available on the Disney Youth Programs YouTube Channel.

National Standards and supplemental educational materials aligned with this program are available at DisneyYES.com.



Disney Youth Education Series programs are accredited by the
Northwest Accreditation Commission.

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