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His first major character, Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, was a straightforward appropriation of Felix; when he lost the rights to the character, Disney created Mickey Mouse. Early life Walter Elias Disney was the fourth son of Elias Disney, a peripatetic carpenter, farmer, and building contractor, and his wife, Flora Call, who had been a public school teacher. When Walt was little more than an infant, the family moved to a farm near Marceline, Missouri, a typical small Midwestern town, which is said to have furnished the inspiration and model for the Main Street, U. There Walt began his schooling and first showed a taste and aptitude for drawing and painting with crayons and watercolours. His restless father soon abandoned his efforts at farming and moved the family to Kansas City, Missouri, where he bought a morning newspaper route and compelled his young sons to assist him in delivering papers. Walt later said that many of the habits and compulsions of his adult life stemmed from the disciplines and discomforts of helping his father with the paper route. In 1917 the Disneys moved back to Chicago, and Walt entered McKinley High School, where he took photographs, made drawings for the school paper, and studied cartooning on the side, for he was hopeful of eventually achieving a job as a newspaper cartoonist. First animated cartoons Dissatisfied with their progress, Disney and Iwerks started a small studio of their own in 1929 and acquired a secondhand movie camera with which they made one and two-minute animated advertising films for distribution to local movie theatres. They also did a series of animated cartoon sketches called Laugh-O-grams and the pilot film for a series of seven-minute fairy tales that combined both live action and animation, Alice in Cartoonland. A New York film distributor cheated the young producers, and Disney was forced to file for bankruptcy in 1923. He moved to California to pursue a career as a cinematographer, but the surprise success of the first Alice film compelled Disney and his brother Roy to reopen shop in Hollywood. With Roy as business manager, Disney resumed the Alice series, persuading Iwerks to join him and assist with the drawing of the cartoons. In 1928, just before the transition to sound in motion pictures, Disney and Iwerks experimented with a new character—a cheerful, energetic, and mischievous mouse called Mickey. Fully recognizing the possibilities for sound in animated-cartoon films, Disney quickly produced a third Mickey Mouse cartoon equipped with voices and music, entitled Steamboat Willie, and cast aside the other two soundless cartoon films. When it appeared in 1928, Steamboat Willie was a sensation. Disney himself provided the voice for Mickey until 1929. This popularity led to the invention of other animal characters, such as Donald Duck and the dogs Pluto and Goofy. In 1930 Disney produced a short, The Three Little Pigs, which arrived in the midst of the Great Depression and took the country by storm. It was in this period of economic hard times in the early 1930s that Disney fully endeared himself and his cartoons to audiences all over the world, and his operation began making money in spite of the Depression. Disney had by that time gathered a staff of creative young people, who were headed by Iwerks. Colour was introduced in the Academy Award-winning Silly Symphonies film Flowers and Trees, while other animal characters came and went in films such as The Grasshopper and the Ants and The Tortoise and the Hare. Roy franchised tie-in sales with the cartoons of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck—watches, dolls, shirts, and tops—and reaped more wealth for the company.

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Sean was elated, but nervous, about departing for boarding school in Ontario. Darren Calabrese Peter and Jan Kontak never intended to send their son, Sean, to boarding school at age Kontak, an alumnus of the boarding and day school in Port Hope, Ont. Story continues below advertisement Around their kitchen table in Halifax, the family explained how it all started. Sean had expressed interest in doing a foreign exchange through his private day school in Halifax, only to find out late in the game that he was too young to apply. Kontak, who owns an apartment rental company in Halifax. Sean was elated, though still slightly nervous, about leaving home at But students get a four-day break after every five weeks and the Kontaks plan to make many trips to visit him. Darren Calabrese Unlike days gone by when parents shuffled miscreant children off to boarding school, things are different today. Parents today have far more questions and uncertainties when it comes to boarding. Is my child mature enough? Will they be able to handle it? Are they really ready to be away from home? Also, she said they should be able to start to show the ability to self-advocate. When it comes to making the decision to go away to school, she said parents often feel less ready than their children. But ultimately they realize the parental goal is to raise a healthy, critical-thinking adult. Being a small school, we know everybody really well here. Appleby College, Oakville, Ont. An earlier version of this story located Appleby College in Ottawa. It is situated in Oakville, Ont.

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