



1920  
Language Lessons



FIELD TRIP  
March 17, 2020



DOLL OF THE MONTH  
Mickey Mouse

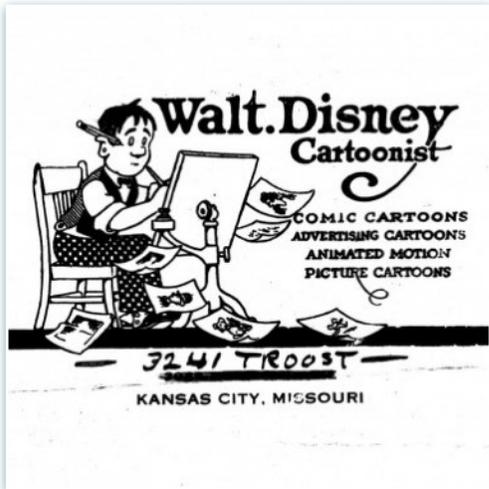
# THE DISCOVERY PAPERS



## Time Travelers ... The Journey Begins

This month, the Westport Historical Society is launching their Time Traveler program, a unique experience for Home Educators to explore the past and present through activities, projects, speakers, and field trips. Inspired by the works of Charles Dickens and Louisa May Alcott, it is called *The Discovery Papers*. Inside its pages you will find the inspiring stories of other adventurers, activities, and skills to develop.





## Walt Disney in Kansas City

Walt Disney first came to Kansas City when he was nine years old. The family lived at 3028 Bellefontaine. Walt attended Benton Elementary and took drawing classes at the Kansas City Art Institute. He also fell in love with trains.

After serving with the American Red Cross, Walt returned to Kansas City where he went to work for an animated film business and met Ub Iwerks.



Soon, the two men were working in a business of their own creation making films they called Laugh -O-Grams. The studio was at 1127 E. 31st Street.



Money was often tight for the studio and Walt gave up his apartment and moved in. He soon discovered a roommate, a small mouse that became Walt's pet. When Walt closed the business and moved to Los Angeles, he set his little friend, Mortimer, free.

The Walt Disney Company began making The Alice Comedies and Oswald the Rabbit, an animated rabbit who loved pranks. One of the distributors of these early films lured away many of the company's animators and took control of Oswald. Walt had the train ride from New York back to Los Angeles to find a new "star" for his company and start again. The train passed through Union Station in Kansas City and Walt remembered his little furry friend, Mortimer. (Walt's wife suggested the name be changed to Mickey.) And the little mouse from Kansas City became a star.....



Oswald the Rabbit



Walt's early sketches of Mickey

## MICKY MOUSE

## Adventurers in Focus

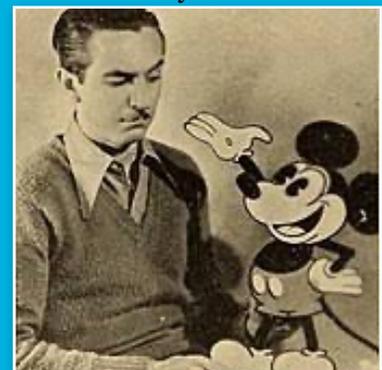
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Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse



# Time Travelers Activities



## TIME TRAVELERS KIT

We are about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime as we travel through time. You will want to have a kit with all your tools. Here are some suggestions to start you off. We'll have a show and tell at our April meeting at the Harris-Kearney House so you'll have time to put yours together.

- Tote or bag to carry everything
- Notebook and/or three ring binder
- Pens, Pencils, Colored Pencils, Markers, Charcoal
- Unruled paper or Sketchbook
- Camera \*
- Compass\*
- Stuffed companion with whom to share your adventures
- Reusable bottle with favorite beverage
- Time Traveler Trail Mix (see recipe below)

\* Smart phone is a great substitute.

## LANGUAGE LESSONS

Just for fun, here are some words and meanings from the 1920s. Maybe you can include them in conversation or add them to your Time Travelers Kit. They might come in handy!

**Ankle:** to walk

**Berries:** something fun “That sounds like berries to me.”

**Cheaters:** Eyeglasses

**Darb:** something that’s wonderful or splendid

**Egg:** a person who leads an absurdly wealthy lifestyle

**Handcuff:** engagement ring

**Hayburner:** a car with poor gas mileage

**Hotsy-totsy:** attractive, pleasing to the eye

**Iron one’s shoelaces:** to excuse oneself for the restroom

**Jake:** okay, fine, as in “Don’t worry, everything’s jake.”

**Mazuma:** cash, money

**Noodle juice:** tea

**Sinker:** a doughnut

**Sockdollager:** an event or action of great importance

**See you in April for a sockdollager with sinkers and noodle juice!**



# UNITED FEDERATION OF DOLL CLUBS INC.

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The Westport Historical Society has partnered with the United Federation of Doll Clubs (UFDC) in the creation of the programs, activities, and field trips for the Time Travelers Program. In fact, **our first field trip will be on March 17, 2020, at the UFDC Museum.** More information about that will be in the February newsletter. You won't want to miss the fun so be sure to pack your tool kit and join us!

## Dolls

By definition, dolls are a model of a human. Think about all the depictions of humans you see everyday. Religious figures. Team mascots. Superheroes. Mannequins in stores and museums. Favorite movie star. The future YOU. They have been a part of human life since ancient times. Although they are probably the oldest known toy, dolls are so much more than a plaything.

These models of humans help us recreate the past, bring stories and imaginations to life, provide practice for life savers and learning new skills. They have free and independent identities and are able to do what is not feasible for the real person.

They are even ASTRONAUTS! A six year old girl designed the Stargazer Lottie Doll. She is the first doll in outer space, spending 264 days aboard the International Space Station.

## 2020 - The Year of the Woman

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage - the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. The State of Virginia has just ratified the Equal Right Amendment - equal protection for all persons regardless of sex.

Throughout the year, we will explore the impact women in our lives - past, present, and future.

Who is your favorite woman and why?



Stargazer Lottie

Her motto is:

Be Bold, Be Brave,

BE YOU!

# "A Sledding We Will Go!"

## A Victorian Paper Craft

### Directions:

1. Print this page on card stock.
2. Cut out paper children and sled.
3. Fold sled's runners at the red dotted lines.
4. Cut tabs at black dotted lines, then fold upward at red dotted lines, creating a support for the paper children to lean on.

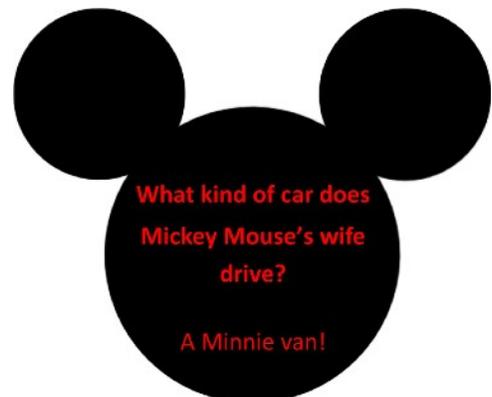


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IN A REUSABLE CONTAINER,

MIXED NUTS, DRIED FRUIT(S), CANDY  
COATED CHOCOLATE AND/OR PEANUT  
BUTTERCANDIES, SEEDS,



What kind of car does  
Mickey Mouse's wife  
drive?

A Minnie van!

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To sign up for the Time Travelers Program, send your request and contact information to the email address above.

### Quotes from Walt Disney

*First, **think**. Second, **dream**. Third, **believe**. And finally, **dare**.*

*It's kind of fun to do the impossible.*

*If you can dream it, you can do it.*

*Always remember that this whole thing was started by  
**a Mouse.***

# Coloring Page

