

Walter Cronkite

Cronkite was born in Saint Joseph, Missouri, to Helen Lena and Walter Leland Cronkite. He attended collage at The University of Texas at Austin where he worked on The Daily Texan.

Walter dropped out of collage in his junior year in 1935 after starting a series of newspaper reporting jobs covering news and sports. He started to do broadcasting as a radio announcer for WKY in Oklahoma City. Walter joined the United Press in 1937 and became one of the top American reporters in WWII.

In 1950, Cronkite joined CBS News in its young and growing television division. Cronkite did a lot of specials and programs on CBS and stayed in the news business for the rest of his life. Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman in 1962 a job which he became an American Icon. Cronkite had a lot of competition at first although he soon became more and more popular and started to get everyone watching him. He reported some of the most famous events in modern history; the Vietnam War, Apollo 11 and the assassination of Kennedy.

Walter is a successful man because of his perseverance, brain skills, and goal oriented attitude. Without these traits he would have never gotten anywhere in life. I know I can learn that through hard work and being optimistic I can become a successful person just like good old Walter Cronkite

