

# Donald Duck and the Original Duck

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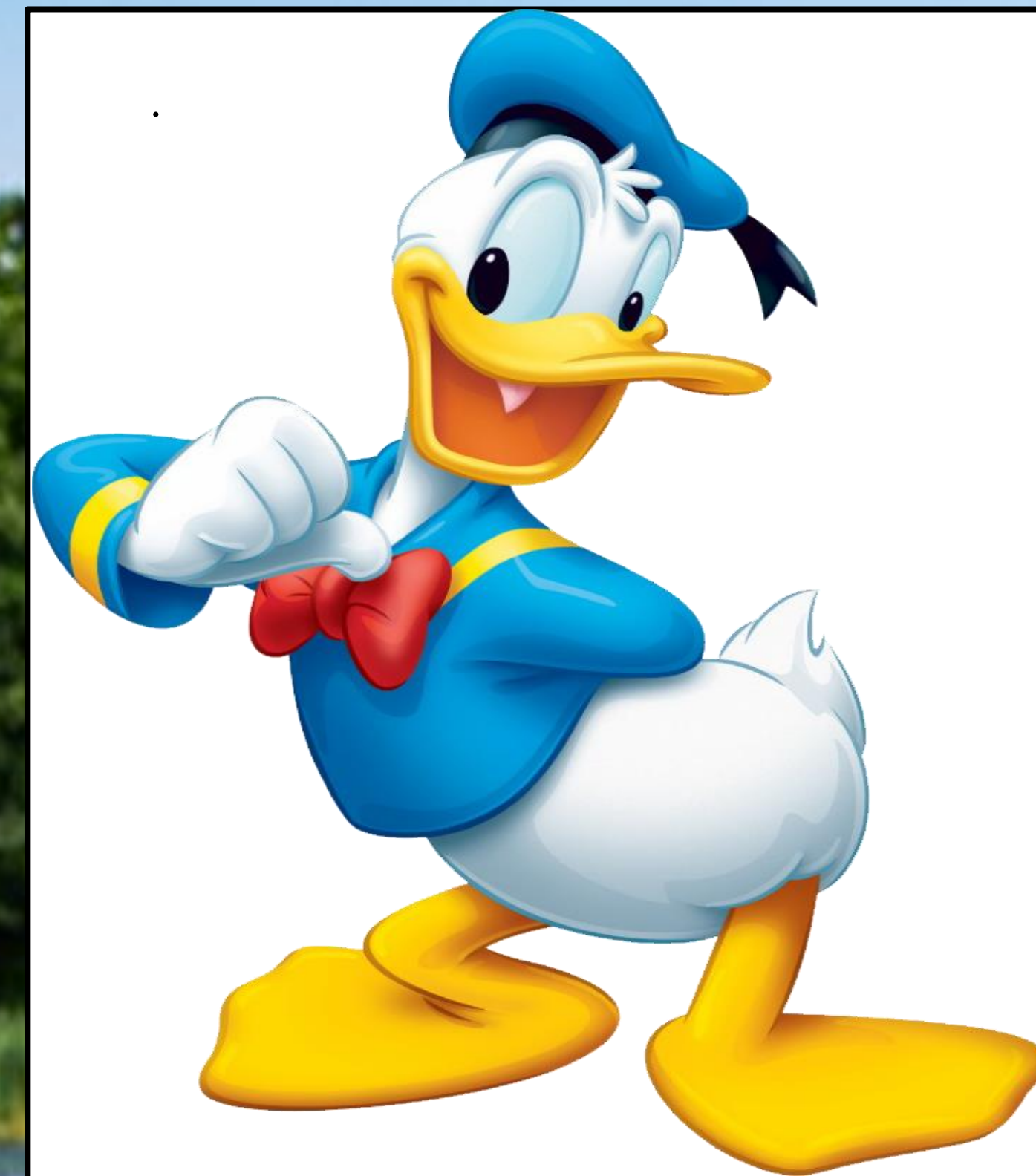


## Research Quack-stion

- What made Walt Disney mold the character Donald Duck into his modern image?

## Behind the Quack

- Debut cartoon short *The Little Hen* 1934.
- Inspiration for the animal came from Clarence Nash's "quacky" voice impression.
- Sour attitude and bad luck make him Mickey Mouse's opposite.
- Birthday on June 9<sup>th</sup> 1934.
- Donald's popularity has seen him featuring in over 128 cartoon shorts.



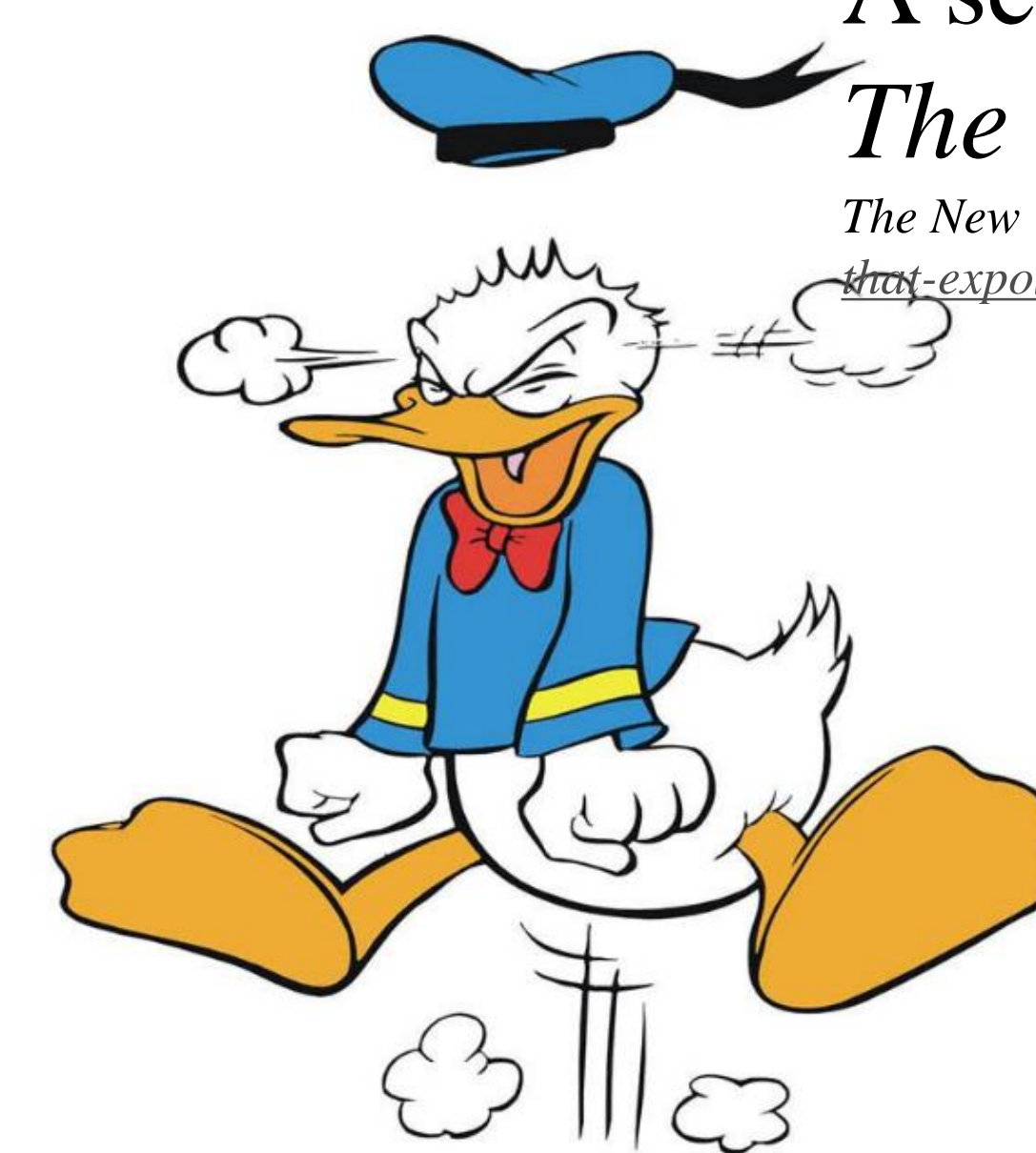
Donald Duck's most known modern image.

Disney Fandom. [https://disney.fandom.com/wiki/Donald\\_Duck/Gallery](https://disney.fandom.com/wiki/Donald_Duck/Gallery). JPG file. 7 Apr 2021.



A screenshot from the short film *The Trial of Donald Duck*, 1948.

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Donald Duck in the middle of one of his infamous tantrums.

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## The Egg-splanation

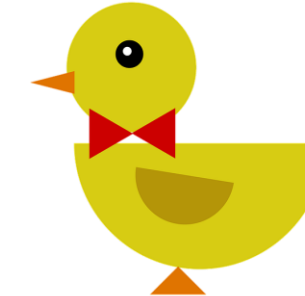
- During World War II Donald was featured in multiple propaganda pieces and was a symbol of patriotism.
- Love from the public has made him the mascot for the Oregon Ducks football team.
- With the existing stereotype of ducks looking silly and waddling when they walk, in western culture helps to make Donald's character a hilarious and enjoyable one.
- Donald's popularity caused the character to develop into the cuter image the public knows and has made Donald a household name.

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## Quack Facts

In 1984 received Donald received an honorable discharge from the United States Navy.