

READING 4

History

Clothes

FACT: The first 'tattoos' came from the Pacific island of Tahiti.

1 Read and find the clothes that come from places a–d on the map.



Today clothes are made in factories, but many years ago people made clothes by hand with natural materials.

On the Pacific islands, people made their first clothes from leaves and from bark, which is on the outside of a tree. For dancing, men and women wore skirts made of grass and a headdress of flowers, feathers and shells. They also had earrings made of bones and shells.

People in China started to wear Han clothes over 3,000 years ago. They are made of silk a cloth which comes from the silk worm. Some people still wear Han clothes today: a shirt, a jacket, a skirt or trousers and white socks and black shoes made of cotton.

Most Native North American men wore a long rectangular piece of leather with a belt, sometimes with leather trousers when it was cold. Leather is made from cow skin. Others wore trousers made of fur. Most men didn't wear shirts. The women wore skirts, trousers or dresses made from cloth or leather. Both men and women wore leather shoes. These are called moccasins.

In Europe 2,000 years ago men wore tunics. This is like a long T-shirt which comes down to your knees or your feet. When it was cold they wore shirts under their tunics and some men wore tights or trousers. It was only 500 years ago when men stopped wearing tights.



2. Complete with the correct word.

fur Han clothes bark moccasins earrings headdress

- 1 the outside part of a tree
- 2 something for your head
- 3 special Native American shoes
- 4 special clothes from China
- 5 the hair of animals
- 6 rings for your ears

3. Choose the correct answer.

1. What did people in the Pacific islands make their skirts from?
2. Where are Han clothes from?
3. When did they start wearing them?
4. What are Han clothes made of?
5. Which animal gives us leather?
6. When did men in Europe stop wearing tights?

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| 1. Grass | silk | leather |
| 2. Europe | China | The Pacific Islands |
| 3. 300 years ago | 30 years ago | Over 3,000 years ago |
| 4. Silk | grass | leather |
| 5. The horse | the cow | the whale |
| 6. 500 years ago | 50 years ago | 300 years ago |