



Gabrielle Bonheur "Coco" Chanel _____ (be born) on 19 August 1883. Coco Chanel was a leading French modernist designer. She _____ (be) the only designer to be listed in the Time 100 most influential people of the Twentieth Century.

From an early age, she _____ (work) with her sister in a milliner in Deauville. Later, she _____ (open) a shop in 1912 and after the First World War, she _____ (start) a couture house in the Rue Cambon in Paris.

In the period after the war, she _____ (decide) to revolutionize the fashion industry. She _____ (design) new clothes for women. She _____ (not make) new corsets. Women now _____ (wear) sweaters and elegant clothes with pearls. Her fashion _____ (reflect) the social and political changes of the time.

In 1938 she _____ (retire) from the fashion business. However, 16 years later she _____ (make) a comeback. She _____ (not like) that men dominated the fashion scene.

Coco _____ (be) popular because she _____ (have) great taste and she _____ (know) what people wanted.