



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.