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Iconic Decades of the 20th Century

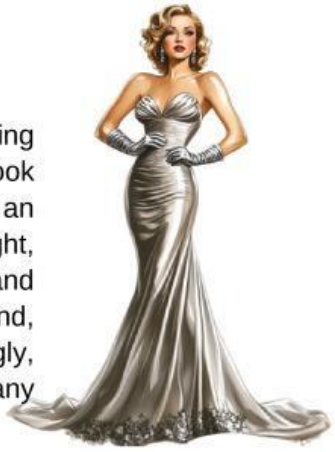
Read the text and match 1-6 to (A-H). There are 2 extra variants you don't need to use.

The 20th century was defined by a few iconic decades, each bringing its own unique blend of style, music, and groundbreaking inventions that reshaped culture and everyday life.



1_____ The Roaring 1920s

Did you know flapper dresses shocked older generations with their shorter lengths? The 1920s, also called the "Jazz Age," was a time of bold change. Women wore short, sparkling dresses, and bobbed hair became popular, showing off a whole new style, something unseen before. Jazz music with its lively beat filled smoky clubs and crowded dance halls, where people gathered to celebrate life. The radio, a new household item, brought jazz into homes, connecting people to the new music. Some flappers (women in flapper dresses) smoked cigarettes in public as a statement of free will, which shocked many at the time.



2_____ The Elegant 1930s

Hollywood movies inspired everyone in the 1930s. Women wore elegant, flowing dresses, and men looked sharp in fitted suits, creating a glamorous yet formal look straight out of the cinema. Swing music brought people to lively dance halls, offering an escape from the hard times of the Great Depression. Even though money was tight, style was never out of reach. People loved to dress up, adding a touch of beauty and sophistication to everyday life. The invention of nylon stockings became a big trend, allowing women to achieve a glamorous look without breaking the bank. Interestingly, women's lipstick sales actually increased during the Depression, as a little luxury many couldn't resist.



3_____ The Rock 'n' Roll 1950s

Rock 'n' roll took over in the 1950s, and teenagers were its biggest fans! With leather jackets, poodle skirts, and greased-back hair, young people created a look that was both fun and rebellious. Elvis Presley and Chuck Berry filled jukeboxes, and diners and soda shops became the place to hang out. This was the birth of "teen culture," where youth, at last, had their own style, music, and attitude. The 1950s were lively and colorful, full of energy and excitement. Surprisingly, rock 'n' roll was banned from some schools, as adults thought it was too wild! With the rise of television, teens had even more access to their favorite music, stars, and trends, creating a powerful new influence.

4_____ The Hippie 1960s

Would you have worn tie-dye and flowers in your hair? The 1960s were the first truly "colorful" decade, filled with vibrant hues and self-expression. People wore bright, loose clothing, bell-bottom pants, and beaded accessories, showing their desire for peace and freedom. Music was everywhere, from folk songs to psychedelic rock, with artists like The Beatles and Bob Dylan calling for a better world. Color TV became popular, making music shows and cultural events even more vivid for viewers. This decade was about peace, change, and a more open lifestyle. Amazingly, some hippies lived in "communes," where they shared everything and rejected traditional life.



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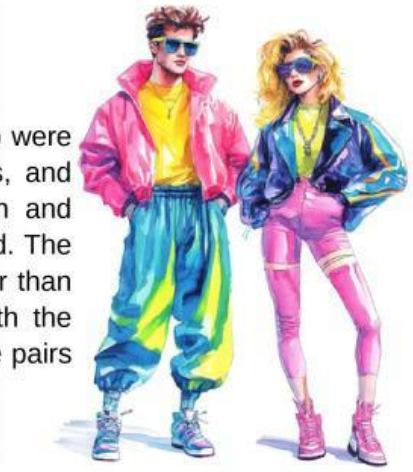
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5_____ The Disco 1970s

Platform shoes were such a hit in the 1970s that even men wore them! People went to dance clubs dressed in shiny fabrics, flared pants, and glittery tops. Disco lights flashed, and songs by the Bee Gees and Donna Summer made everyone want to move. Disco wasn't just about music; it was a way to escape, have fun, and be yourself. With colorful clothes and bright lights, the 1970s were a party like no other. The cassette tape was a new way to enjoy and share music, letting people make their own mixes. Interestingly, some disco clubs had rules about dancing, even allowing the security to remove those who didn't dance enough!



6 _____ The Tech & Pop 1980s

The 1980s were all about standing out. Neon colors, big hair, and bold makeup were everywhere. People wore shoulder pads, bright leggings, and athletic jackets, and MTV brought music videos to every TV, making stars like Michael Jackson and Madonna famous worldwide. Gyms were popular, too, as fitness became a trend. The 1980s were fast, bright, and loud, with everyone wanting to look and live bigger than ever. The Walkman let people listen to music on the go, fitting perfectly with the decade's energetic lifestyle. Unexpectedly, some people wore two or even three pairs of socks at once to match their colorful sneakers.

Which decade's clothing style:

A lacked any distinct features or defining characteristics?

B introduced fresh colors and an emphasis on one's own identity?

C encouraged extra layers for added color coordination?

D was disapproved of by a certain age group?

E was not allowed in educational institutions?

F was finally centered around the younger generation?

G was much less casual compared to the others?

H introduced footwear that was popular with both genders?