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Social Studies 12 Clothes

Coco Chanel

Before You Read

What kind of clothes is each woman wearing? How are the clothes different?



▲ a woman wearing a corset in 1898



◀ a woman in a pantsuit

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Key Words

Complete the sentences with the key words.



stylish



mourning



talent



influential



sew



discovered



stands for



emphasize

1. C _____ Celsius.
2. They are _____ at a funeral.
3. He circled the word to _____ it.
4. He _____ a treasure chest on the island.
5. They look _____ in their fashionable clothes.
6. The little girl has a(n) _____ for playing the piano.
7. A button fell off my shirt, so I have to _____ on a new one.
8. Mozart used to be a very _____ person in the music history.

Background Knowledge

Chanel logo

The Chanel logo is an overlapping double 'C' – one facing forward and the other facing backward. The logo was designed by Coco Chanel herself in 1925 and has remained unchanged since then.



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Reading Comprehension

A. Choose the best answer.

Main idea **1. What is the main idea of this passage?**

a. Coco Chanel came from a poor background.
b. Coco Chanel changed the concept of women's clothes.
c. Coco Chanel didn't discover her talent until late in her life.
d. Coco Chanel was the most influential person of the 20th century.

Detail **2. Who taught Coco Chanel how to sew?**

a. herself
b. a friend
c. her father
d. nuns

Detail **3. What was the first thing Coco Chanel designed?**

a. hats
b. handbags
c. jewelry
d. the Chanel suit

Detail **4. Why is the Chanel suit called "revolutionary"?**

a. It was sold more than any other item.
b. All the people who were successful wore it.
c. It was the most popular piece of clothing in history.
d. It set women free from corsets and other uncomfortable clothes.

Vocabulary **5. Which can replace the word "skill" in line 11?**

a. chance
b. needle
c. hand
d. technique

B. Answer the questions.

1. **Why is Chanel one of the most famous and loved brands in the world?**
   It is famous and loved because of its _____ and _____ designs.

2. **Why did Chanel make a suit with a collarless jacket?**
   She made it to _____ _____.

3. **What did people think about the color black before Chanel's black dress?**
   _____

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Graphic Organizer & Summary

Step 1 Complete each sentence with the words from the box and put them in the correct order.

Coco Chanel's Life

- ☐ She _____ her first _____, Chanel No. 5.
- ☐ She also sold _____, and soon she had three shops.
- ☐ She started designing hats and opened a shop in 1910.
- ☐ She introduced a revolutionary _____ that set women free from _____.
- ☐ She learned to _____ in an orphanage.
- ☐ She was called one of the most _____ people of the 20th century by *Time* magazine.

corsets created clothes influential perfume sew suit

Step 2 Complete the summary with the words from the box.

Coco Chanel was a French fashion _____, and she created the Chanel _____. Today, Chanel is associated with _____ and luxury. However, Coco Chanel came from a(n) _____ background. She was raised by _____ in a(n) _____. They taught her how to _____. In 1910, she opened a(n) _____ shop in Paris. Later, she also designed jewelry, handbags, and perfumes, and became a very _____ designer. Her most famous design was the Chanel suit and the little black _____. Coco Chanel set women free from corsets changed women's clothing forever!

brand designer elegance hat dress
nuns orphanage sew successful poor

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