



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.