

Fashion History Through the Ages

Fashion History · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. Which ancient civilization is credited with being the first to cultivate silkworms to produce silk fabric?

- A) Ancient Egypt
- B) Ancient China**
- C) Ancient Greece
- D) Ancient Rome

2. During the 18th century, what was the name of the wide, structural undergarment used to extend the width of women's skirts?

- A) Crinoline
- B) Bustle
- C) Pannier**
- D) Farthingale

3. What synthetic fiber, first demonstrated at the 1939 World's Fair, revolutionized the hosiery industry?

- A) Polyester
- B) Rayon
- C) Nylon**
- D) Acrylic

4. In the medieval period, what was the primary purpose of 'sumptuary laws'?

- A) To regulate the types of clothing different social classes could wear**
- B) To ensure clothing was made of natural fibers
- C) To prevent the import of foreign textiles
- D) To dictate the color of military uniforms

5. Which accessory became popular in the 1920s as part of the 'flapper' style, often featuring long strings of pearls and geometric designs?

- A) Bicorn hat
- B) Art Deco jewelry**
- C) Cravat
- D) Muff

6. What is the term for the 19th-century metal-hooped petticoat that gave Victorian dresses their signature bell shape?

- A) Corset
- B) Crinoline**
- C) Pantaloon
- D) Bodice

7. Which French designer is credited with popularizing the 'Little Black Dress' in the 1920s?

- A) Christian Dior
- B) Yves Saint Laurent
- C) Coco Chanel**
- D) Hubert de Givenchy

8. What material, derived from the cocoons of the Bombyx mori moth, was once so valuable it was used as currency in ancient trade routes?

- A) Cotton
- B) Wool
- C) Silk**
- D) Linen

9. Before the invention of the sewing machine, what was the most common method for attaching buttons to garments?

- A) Adhesive glue
- B) Hand-stitching**
- C) Riveting
- D) Thermal bonding

10. The 'Toga' was a distinctive garment of ancient Rome; what determined the color and border of a citizen's toga?

- A) The weather
- B) Their social rank and status**
- C) The availability of dyes
- D) The weaver's choice

11. During the 1940s, why did 'utility clothing' become a standard in the United Kingdom?

- A) To save fabric during wartime rationing**
- B) To promote a specific fashion designer
- C) To create a national color palette
- D) To encourage mass production of luxury goods

12. Which invention in 1764, created by James Hargreaves, significantly increased the speed at which cotton could be spun into thread?

- A) The Steam Engine
- B) The Power Loom
- C) The Spinning Jenny**
- D) The Cotton Gin