

Fashion History Essentials

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

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

2. What item of clothing was invented by Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis in 1873?

- A) Trench coat
- B) Blue jeans**
- C) Leather jacket
- D) Tuxedo

3. During which century did the corset reach its peak of popularity for shaping the female silhouette?

- A) 15th Century
- B) 17th Century
- C) 19th Century**
- D) 20th Century

4. What was the primary purpose of the 'hobble skirt,' a fashion trend from the early 1910s?

- A) To keep ankles warm
- B) To restrict the wearer's stride for a fashionable walk**
- C) To promote sustainable fabric usage
- D) To allow for easier movement during sports

5. Which fabric was famously promoted by Elsa Schiaparelli for its innovative use in couture during the 1930s?

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

6. The 'New Look,' characterized by cinched waists and full skirts, was introduced by which designer in 1947?

- A) Pierre Balmain
- B) Christian Dior**
- C) Cristóbal Balenciaga
- D) Jacques Fath

7. What accessory, popularized in the 1920s, became a symbol of the 'flapper' lifestyle?

- A) The fascinator
- B) The cloche hat**
- C) The bonnet
- D) The top hat

8. Which historical figure is often cited as the person who popularized the 'tuxedo' for men's formal wear in the late 19th century?

- A) King Edward VII**
- B) Napoleon Bonaparte
- C) Louis XIV
- D) George Bryan Brummell

9. What was the 'Great Masculine Renunciation' in the late 18th century?

- A) A shift toward colorful silks for men
- B) The abandonment of ornate decoration in men's fashion**
- C) The invention of the suit jacket
- D) The rise of military uniforms in casual wear

10. Mary Quant is widely credited with popularizing which controversial garment in 1960s London?

- A) The maxi skirt
- B) The culottes
- C) The miniskirt**
- D) The bell-bottoms