



# Women History Month

## COCO CHANEL

### Reading Comprehension



#### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUCTIONS: CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

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a) France  
b) Italy  
c) Spain  
d) England

2. In what year was Coco Chanel born?  
a) 1883  
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c) 1905  
d) 1950

3. What ground-breaking fashion item did Chanel introduce?  
a) Wedding gown  
b) Little black dress  
c) Ballgown  
d) Evening gown

4. What did Chanel prioritize in her designs?  
a) Extravagance  
b) Comfort and simplicity  
c) Bright colors  
d) Elaborate accessories

5. How did Chanel's impact on women's fashion extend beyond clothing?  
a) She introduced the timeless perfume, Chanel No. 5.  
b) She challenged the prevailing floral scents of the time.  
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#### COCO CHANEL



Our exploration of Women's History Month introduces Coco Chanel, a trailblazing figure in the world of fashion and a symbol of female empowerment. Born Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel in 1883 in Saumur, France, Coco Chanel revolutionized the fashion industry, creating a lasting legacy that transcends trends.

Coco Chanel's journey to becoming a fashion icon was marked by resilience and creativity. From a challenging childhood in an orphanage to working as a seamstress and cabaret singer, she navigated a path to success that defied societal norms. In the early 20th century, at a time when women's fashion was restrictive, Chanel challenged conventions with her innovative designs that prioritized comfort and simplicity.

In 1926, Chanel introduced the iconic little black dress, a revolutionary garment that became a staple in women's wardrobes worldwide. She popularized trousers for women, liberating them from the constraints of traditional attire. Chanel's practical yet elegant approach to fashion reflected the changing roles of women in society during the early 1900s.

Her influence extended beyond clothing; Chanel revolutionized the fragrance industry by introducing the timeless perfume, Chanel No. 5, challenging the prevailing floral scents of the time. The interlocking "CC" logo and the use of jersey fabric further solidified her brand's distinctive identity.

Coco Chanel's impact on women's fashion was not only sartorial but also cultural. She embodied independence. As a visionary entrepreneur, she learned about Coco Chanel and the breaking of gender roles.

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# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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Coco Chanel's impact on women's fashion was not only sartorial but also cultural. She embodied independence and confidence, redefining femininity for generations to come. As a visionary entrepreneur, she navigated a male-dominated industry, establishing herself as a formidable force.

Learning about Coco Chanel offers a unique perspective on creativity, perseverance, and the breaking of gender stereotypes.

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### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- Which iconic perfume did Chanel introduce, challenging prevailing floral scents?
  - Chanel No. 1
  - Chanel No. 5
  - Coco Essence
  - Black Orchid
- What did Chanel popularize for women, liberating them from traditional attire?
  - Corsets
  - High heels

### ANSION QUESTIONS

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

THE CORRECT ANSWER.

birth name?  
Chanel

is Coco Chanel born?

cco Chanel born?

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- Comfort and simplicity
- Bright colors
- Elaborate accessories

## READING COMPREHENSION

### ANSWERS

1. a) Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel
2. b) France
3. a) 1893
4. b) Little black dress
5. b) Comfort and simplicity
6. b) Chanel No. 5
7. a) Trousers
8. a) "CC"
9. d) Perfume
10. a) Sartorial and cultural

# CLOSE READING GRAPHIC ORGNIZERS INCLUDED

**GROUP ACTIVITY**

TITLE OF TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT I THINK \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNOTATING MARKS**

- ✓ Circle powerful words or phrases.
- ✓ Underline words or phrases you do not understand.
- ✓ Place a question mark next to words or phrases that make you think.
- ✓ Write an example of something like this.

**SUMMARIZE**

Write a summary of the passage. The main idea should be stated in your first sentence. Then use the four details to write four supporting sentences. Close your summary by restating the main idea.

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**MAIN IDEA**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

MAIN IDEA \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #1 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #2 \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORTING DETAILS #3 \_\_\_\_\_

**VOCABULARY GRAPHIC ORGNIZER**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF TEXT \_\_\_\_\_

UNKNOWN WORD \_\_\_\_\_

CLUES FROM TEXT & MEANING \_\_\_\_\_

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