

The House of Redfern: Fashion and History Worksheet (Middle School (Grades 6–8))

Learning Objectives

- Understand the historical importance of the House of Redfern in fashion.
- Identify the connections between fashion and historical events like World War I.
- Explore how fashion designers influence cultural trends.

Key Takeaways

- The House of Redfern was a leading British fashion house with global influence.
- It helped define women's tailored clothing and introduced sportswear into high fashion.
- Redfern's designs reflected broader historical and cultural shifts, including wartime changes.

Essay Prompts

- Why do you think fashion was important to people during times of change like World War I?
- Describe your favorite Redfern design and explain what it tells us about that time in history.

Activities

- Draw or design your own Redfern-inspired outfit. Label the materials and describe who might wear it.
- Create a timeline placing key Redfern milestones alongside major world events (e.g., 1914–1918 WWI).

Further Study Resources

- GG Archives - Fashion Collection:
<https://www.ggarchives.com/OceanTravel/Fashions/index.html>
- Les Modes (Fashion Plates Archive)
- Harper's Bazar and The Delineator (available through online archives or local libraries)