The House of Redfern: Fashion and History Worksheet (University Level)

🎯 Learning Objectives

- Analyze the role of the House of Redfern in shaping early 20th-century couture and transatlantic fashion.
- Evaluate the intersection of fashion, gender roles, and social class in historical context.
- Develop an academic argument connecting Redfern's legacy to broader cultural or economic movements.

📌 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

- Discuss the House of Redfern's influence on the evolution of modern women's fashion.
- How did Redfern's business model and international branches reflect global fashion networks of the time?
- Analyze the cultural symbolism embedded in one or more Redfern gowns using primary visual and written sources.

🧠 Activities

- Compare two Redfern designs and analyze how they reflect changes in fashion trends over time.
- Using the GG Archives page, prepare a short presentation on Redfern's influence in either Paris or New York.

📚 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)