



Students' opinion and comments about Fashion



"It's not what you wear, it's the way you wear it".

John, 12

"I don't follow fashion blindly and I don't try to copy my favourite pop stars' style".

Ifigeneia, 12

"I love fashion and I always try to keep up with the latest trends".

Aggelos, 12

"Do not dress to please other people but have your own style"

Dora, 12

"Everyone has their own taste in clothes that is why people should wear what they like".

Themis, 12

"Wear clothes that make you happy".

Andrea, 12

"If we change the way we dress, the way we feel will change, too".

Alexandros, 12

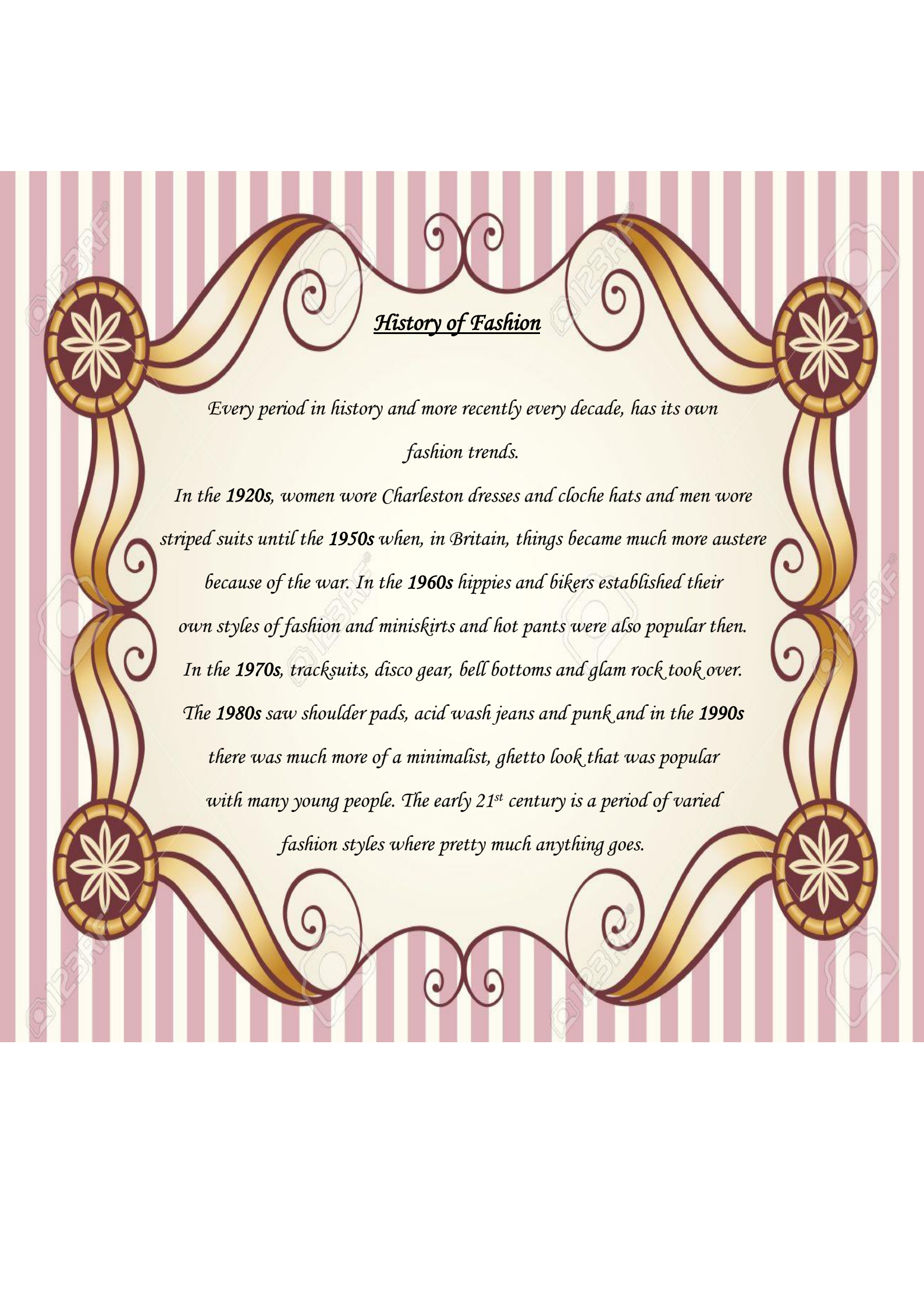
"I prefer clothes that suit me".

Michalis, 11

"It's nice to look at what's in fashion but in the end you buy what you can find in shops".

Katerina, 11

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History of Fashion

Every period in history and more recently every decade, has its own fashion trends.

In the 1920s, women wore Charleston dresses and cloche hats and men wore striped suits until the 1950s when, in Britain, things became much more austere because of the war. In the 1960s hippies and bikers established their own styles of fashion and miniskirts and hot pants were also popular then. In the 1970s, tracksuits, disco gear, bell bottoms and glam rock took over. The 1980s saw shoulder pads, acid wash jeans and punk and in the 1990s there was much more of a minimalist, ghetto look that was popular with many young people. The early 21st century is a period of varied fashion styles where pretty much anything goes.

TEENAGE STYLE



There hasn't always been such a thing as teenage fashion. Until the end of the 1950s, teenagers wear the same style of clothes as their parents –smart, formal and not cool at all!

However, in the 1960s and 70s, many new fashions developed and teenagers began creating fashion trends of their own. Some women wore short skirts; others wore maxi skirts with bright colours. Men wear flowery shirts and denim flared jeans. Some of these styles have come back into fashion; others have never really gone out of fashion. Jeans, for example are still popular today.

In the 80s young people dressed in a punk style. They had pink or green hair and ripped clothes and wore Dr Martens boots. Of course by the 1990s fashion had changed again. Fashion was based on around casual, practical and comfortable clothes and young people wore the styles that suited them.



What about teenage fashion these days? Nowadays, the media, such as TV, magazines and of course the internet do influence teenagers to a large extent. Most teenagers spend over hours watching pop videos and TV shows, so lots of adolescents look to their favourite actors or pop stars in order to decide how to dress. Even trends in music, like hip hop and rap, have a big influence on what teenagers wear.

Another influential thing for youngsters is what their friends wear. Kids tend to copy their friends all the time not because they are jealous but simply because they are not confident enough to follow their own style.

Last but not least, money has just a big impact on teenage style. It is a fact that celebrities can afford to buy cutting-edge design but teenagers find it hard. That is why high street stores follow the fashion shows and produce the latest fashions at affordable prices, and in this way they allow young people to express themselves through their clothes, on a very limited budget.

All in all, fashion is about adopting a certain lifestyle or behaviour. As long as teenagers are not victims of fashion and they do not copy others in a desire to fit in, then fashion can indeed become one of the most important ways people express themselves.

