

Ancient Greece

Clothing and Fashion

Form - 6

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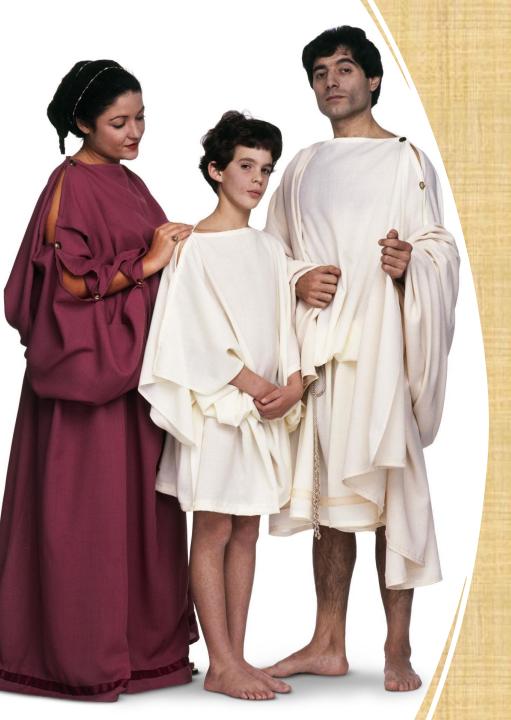


Objectives of the lesson

In this lesson students will:

..... practice reading for specific information,

..... take a ten questions quiz about clothing and fashion in Ancient Greece.



Introduction

- Because the weather is hot in Greece, the Ancient Greeks wore light and loose clothing.
- Clothing and cloth was typically made in the home by the servants and the women of the family.

What materials did they use to make clothes?

- The two most popular materials were wool and linen.
- Woolwas made from the fleeces of local sheep and linen from flax that came from Egypt.
- Linen was a light fabric that was great in the summers.
- Wool was warmer and good for the winters.
- In the later periods of Ancient Greece, the wealthy were able to buy clothes made of cotton and silk.



How did they make cloth?

- Making cloth took a lot of work and was one of the major jobs of the wife of a Greek family.
- To make wool from sheep, they used a spindle to spin the fibers of wool into fine threads.
- Then they would weave the threads together using a wooden loom.



Typical Clothing for Women

• The typical garment worn by women in Ancient Greece was a long tunic called the peplos.

• The peplos was a long piece of cloth that was fastened about the waist with a belt.

• Part of the peplos was folded down over the belt to make it appear as if it was two pieces of clothing.

• Sometimes a smaller tunic called a chiton was worn under the peplos.

• Women sometimes wore a wrap over their peplos called a himation. It could be draped in different ways according to the current fashion.



Typical Clothing for Men

- Men generally wore a tunic called a chiton.
- The men's tunic could be shorter than the women's, especially if they were working outside.
- Men also wore a wrap called the himation.
- When hunting or going to war, the men sometimes wore a cloak called a chlamys.



Did they wear shoes?

• A lot of the time, the Ancient Greeks went barefoot, especially when at home.

• When wearing footwear, they usually wore leather sandals.



Jewelry and Makeup

- Wealthy Greeks wore jewelry made from precious metals like gold and silver.
- · They wore rings, necklaces, and earrings.
- The most popular type of jewelry was a decorated pin or fastener used to attach their wrap or cloak. One of the most desired features of a Greek woman was to have pale skin. This showed that she wasn't poor or a slave that had to work outside.
- Women would use makeup to powder their skin and make it appear lighter. They also sometimes used lipstick.

Jewelry and Makeup

for Men

for Women





Hair Fashion

- The Ancient Greeks loved to style their hair.
- Men generally wore their hair short, but they parted their hair and used oils and perfumes in it.
- Women wore their hair long. This helped to separate them from slave women who had their hair cut short.
- Women wore complicated hairstyles with braids, curls, and decorations such as headbands and ribbons.

