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Carefully leveled text with a strong photo match offers early fluent readers the support they need to succeed.

Before Reading

- “Walk” through the book and point out the various nonfiction features. Ask the student what purpose each feature serves.
- Look at the glossary together. Read and discuss the words.

Read the Book

- Have the child read the book independently.
- Invite him or her to list questions that arise from reading.

After Reading

- Discuss the child’s questions. Talk about how he or she might find answers to those questions.
- Prompt the child to think more. Ask: Clothes and fashion trends have changed over time. What do you think will be a trend of the future?

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CHAPTER 1

THE ROLE OF CLOTHES

Clothes are a basic human need. They keep us warm. Long ago, people made clothes from plants and animals. They wove grasses into cloth. Some stayed warm in coats made of fur and animal skins.

fur coat



A photograph of three people in winter sports gear. On the left, a person in a blue jacket and white helmet. In the center, a person in a green and yellow jacket and black helmet with yellow goggles. On the right, a person in a green jacket and green helmet with orange goggles. They are all smiling. The background is a snowy mountain under a blue sky.

Today, we still need clothes that protect us. Against what? Sunshine. Rain. Cold temperatures.

Clothes can be clues. They can tell us about the people who wore them. In the 1700s, **wealthy** American **colonists** wore fancy gowns and suits. Made of what? Fine silk and lace. These materials were expensive. They were signs of wealth.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What materials are your clothes made of? Check the labels. What do you think your clothes say about you? Do they say anything about where you live? How so?





lace





People use clothing to show their **style**. In the 1850s, huge skirts were the **fashion**. Women had a trick for making their skirts pouf. They wore crinolines. These were worn under skirts. They held the skirts out wide.

crinoline



ACTIVITIES & TOOLS

TRY THIS!

MAKE A FASHION COLLAGE

Make your own fashion rules by creating a fashion collage!

What You Need:

- fashion magazines
- scissors
- glue
- large sheet of paper
- markers

- 1 Flip through the magazines. Cut out pictures of clothes that catch your eye.
- 2 Arrange the pictures into outfits on the sheet of paper. Mix and match the clothes. What looks fun, interesting, and new?
- 3 When you like the arrangements of the outfits, glue the pictures onto the sheet of paper.
- 4 Use markers to add finishing touches. Add hats, belts, jewelry, and shoes. This is fashion. Make it your own!

