

Coco Chanel

1883-1971



**Viva
Willow
Spring 2014**



Introduction

Famous Quotation:

"A girl should be two things: classy and fabulous."

Best known for:

Making new styles and clothes.

What I find interesting:

Is that with a needle and thread and some fabric/ old ripped up clothes, she could make a new style!

3 Key Qualities:

1. Overcame a hardship
2. Showed compassion and empathy
3. Viewed problems as opportunities

I chose this person because...

1. I like fashion she likes fashion.
2. I wanted to know about her and her family.

Overcame a Hardship/Challenge

Coco was born poor and skinny. Although she was poor, she did not act like it. She had 5 brothers and sisters. Coco was 12 when she was sent to Notre Dame orphanage that had only white material for the beds, walls and uniforms.

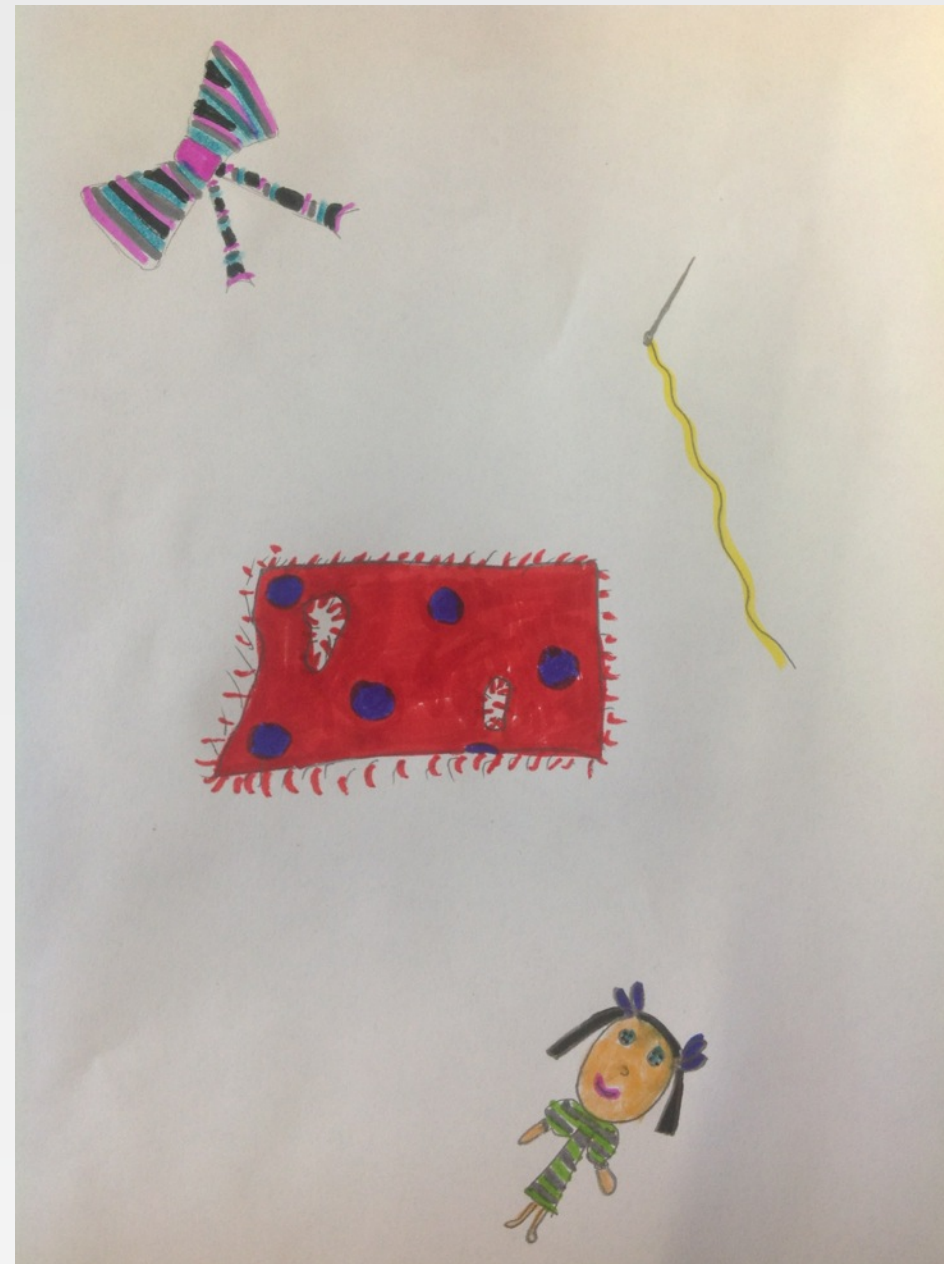
I think Coco acted like she had more money because she saw other girls so she acted like them. I think her parents could not take care of 5 kids, so they sent the girls to a orphanage and the boys to a farm. This makes me think of my great grandmother because she had 12 brothers and sisters. Her mom died when she was only 2.



Showed Compassion and Empathy

Coco learned to sew out of scraps of fabric, she made rag dolls and ribbons for her hair, and when she was in an orphanage, she made dolls for every girl in the orphanage to make them happy!

I think Coco wanted to be kind because she knew how it felt to be in the orphanage. Sometimes when I'm sad, my mom and dad try to cheer me up by doing funny dances.



Demonstrated Bravery/Took Action

Coco couldn't afford dresses and hats so she made her own. She tried to be different! She would walk around wearing these things and everybody thought she was different.

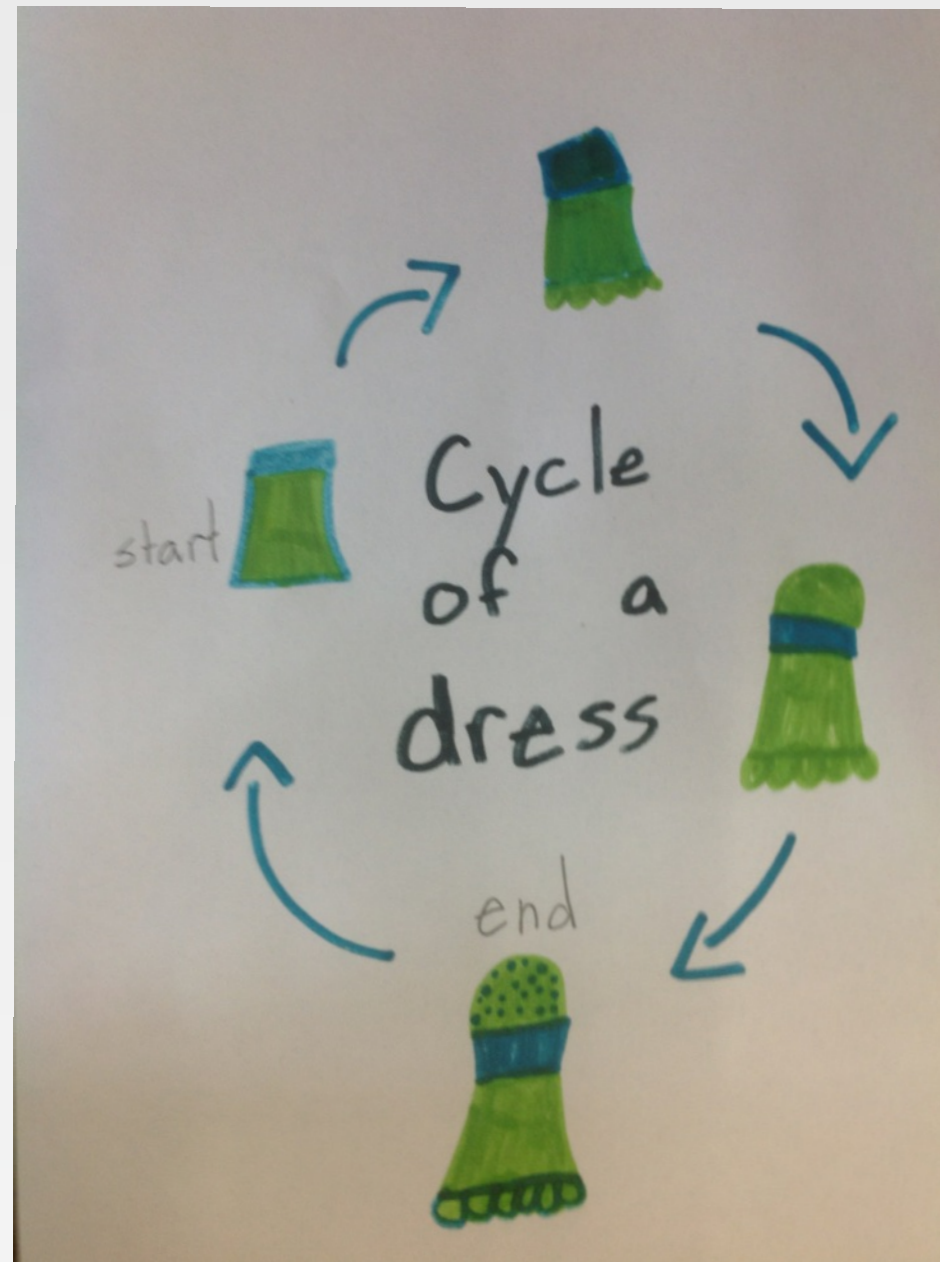
This reminds me of pre-school when everybody thought Emily had a different style of clothing.



Persevered

In 1915, Coco opened a shop and she always kept trying to make each and every dress the best it could be.

This reminds me of myself because when I make dresses I try to make them look just like the idea in my head.



Impact: How Things are Different Today

In World War I Coco's dresses and designs for women had no corsets because the women had to work. No corsets were in her dresses and that was good because it was hard to work in a corset. Her goal was to be a fashion designer who makes things stylish and comfortable.

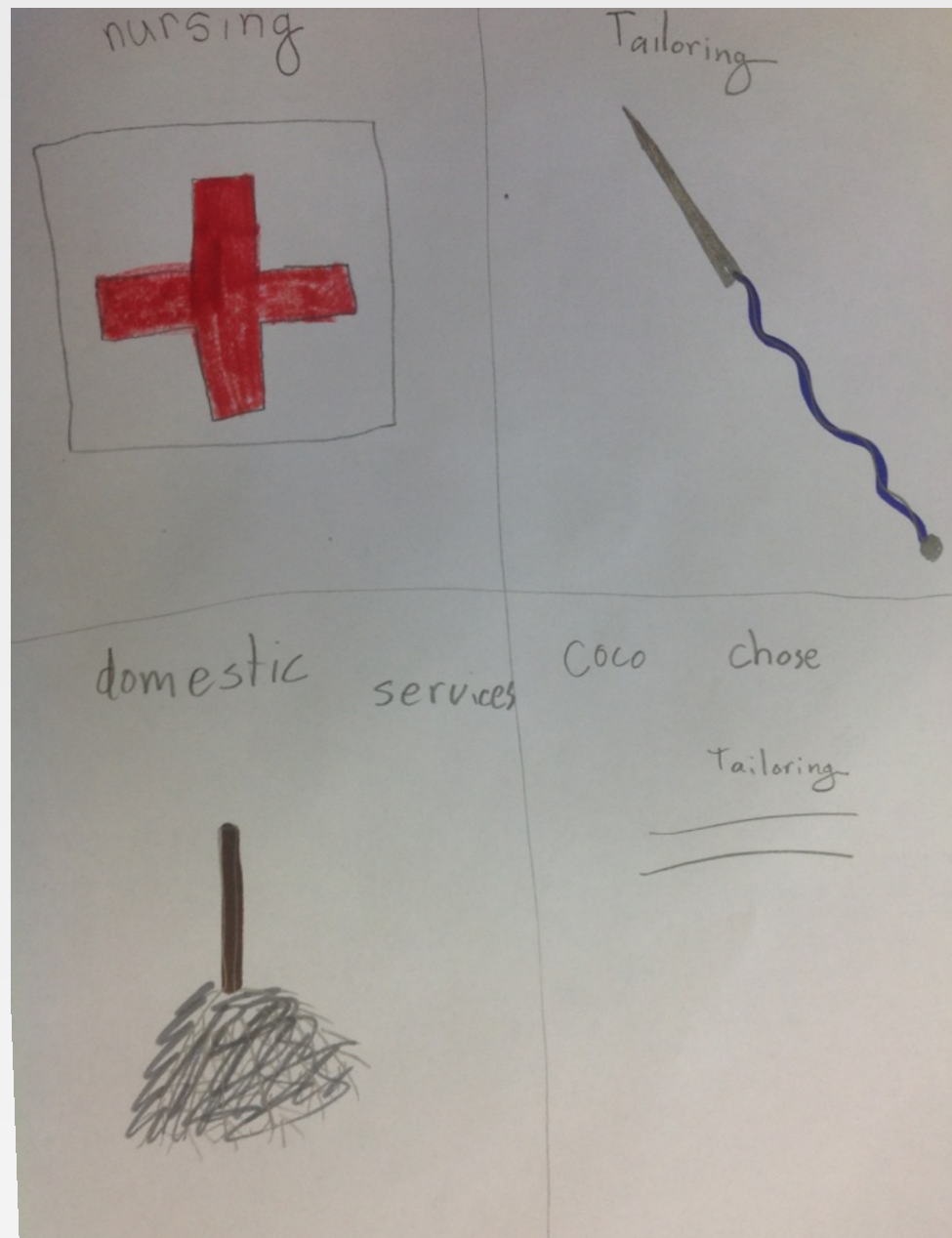
This reminds me of Thomas Edison who also changed an invention to make it more useful. He worked on a car engine to make it better.



Viewed Problems as Opportunities

In the early 1900's, the girls and boarding schools had a choice if they wanted a job, such as nursing, tailoring or domestic services. She chose tailoring so she could practice her sewing skills. In 1914 her workshop got very crowded because of the war, and Coco had perfect clothes for war so she was making things very fast.

In the early 1900's most girls didn't have very good jobs or working conditions. So we learned that in 1909 Clara Lemlich lead a strike so the women workers wouldn't work until they got more fair treatment.



Author Talk

I'm similar to my Change Maker because we both love fashion because I think fashion is a way for me to show how I feel, like if I where mad, I would draw a dress of me mad.

I'm a Change Maker when I try to find a way to help the birds that fly into my window by making pictures and putting them on the

My Change Maker is connected to John Paul Gautier because they both like fashion and they never gave up on a dress.



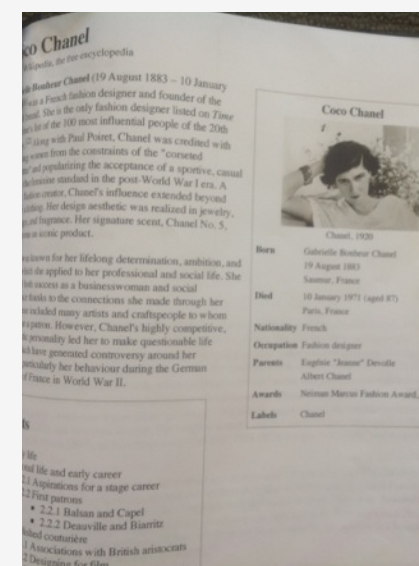
Bibliography

Different like Coco

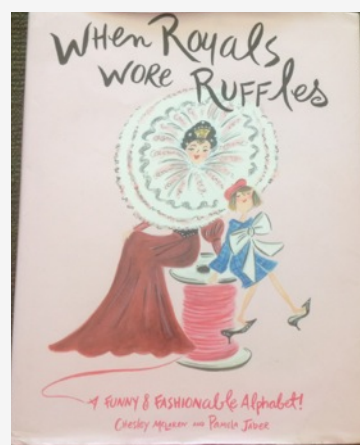


By Elizabeth Matthews

Coco Chanel



When Royals Wore Ruffles!



Chesley McLaren and Pamela Jaber

Glossary

A Change Maker is:

Someone who finds a problem in the world and tries to make it better.

Domestic Services:

a Domestic Service is like a maid/ nanny. Their job was to watch the kids and clean-up the house.

Tailor

A tailor is someone that sews things and fixes rips in clothes.

Corset:

a Corset is something ladies wore along time ago and it made them look skinnier in the waist.

Map



Author's Note

You and 2 other Change Makers that share the same racial, ethnic and/or cultural connection.

Viva

Faith Winthrop
She was known for
finding Glide Memorial's
gospel choir.

Albert Einstein
Also Jewish, the physicist
is responsible for the
the Theory of Relativity.

