

Catalog Subject Headings:

Costume
Costume--History
Costume Design
Clothing and Dress

Dress Accessories
Dressmaking
Fashion

Collection Browsing:

GT 500-2370	Costume. Dress. Fashion
TS 1300-1865	Textile industries
TT 490-695	Clothing manufacture. Dressmaking. Tailoring
TT 950-979	Hairdressing. Beauty culture. Barbers' work



Reference Materials

Historical Encyclopedia of Costumes
Common Man through the Centuries
Guide to Historic Costume
AF Encyclopedia of Textiles

ref **GT510 .R3313 1988**
ref **GT720 .B37**
ref **GT730 .B33 1995**
ref **TS1445 .A18 1972**

Article Indexes and Databases

America: history and life

Arts & Humanities Search
ArtSTOR
Historical Abstracts



Selected Internet Resources

Vocabulary of Basic Terms for Cataloguing Costume

This list attempts to establish a vocabulary of basic terms for use when cataloguing or describing items of clothing. The list of terms is divided into women's, men's and infants' garments and sub-divided by types of garment, such as outerwear, night/dressingwear and accessories worn on the legs and feet. Each garment listed is accompanied by an illustrative drawing.

<http://www.mda.org.uk/costume/vbt00e.htm>

Understanding Styles

This page from the Victoria and Albert Museum has multiple guides to investigate the styles that characterize each period through highlighted motifs and explanatory text.

http://www.vam.ac.uk/collections/british_galls/styles/index.html



American Memory Collection

A project from the Library of Congress, American Memory offers multimedia collections of digitized documents, photos, recorded sound, motion pictures, and text from the American historical collections of the Library and other institutions.
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/>

British Library Images Online

Access to thousands of images from the British Library's collections.
<http://www.imagesonline.bl.uk/britishlibrary/>

Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Provides an index of Costume Institute exhibits going back to 1937; features on current exhibits; descriptions of the collections; access information to the Collections and the associated library; a history of the Institute; and links to Costume Museums throughout the world.
<http://www.metmuseum.org/collections/department.asp?dep=8>

“History of Costume” or “Zur Geschichte der Kostüme” was printed from 1861 to 1880 in Munich by the publishing firm of Braun and Schneider. These plates consisted of historical dress from antiquity to the end of the 19th century. Search by text or graphics.

<http://www.siue.edu/COSTUMES/history.html>



Picture Collection Online

PCO is a select group of images from The New York Public Library, Mid-Manhattan Library, Picture Collection. Created in 1915, the Picture Collection covers over 12,000 subjects.

<http://digital.nypl.org/mmpco/index.cfm>



Bissonnette on Costume

A Visual Dictionary of Fashion, Kent State University Museum. You can search this site by using a Geographic Search, a Time Search, or a Subject Search. <http://dept.kent.edu/museum/costume>

The Costumer's Manifesto

A collection of links related to Western Costume History categorized by period.

<http://www.costumes.org/history/100page/costhistpage.htm>

Fashion - Era

Fashion – Era contains images of Fashion History, Costume History, Clothing, Textiles and Social History.

<http://www.fashion-era.com>

