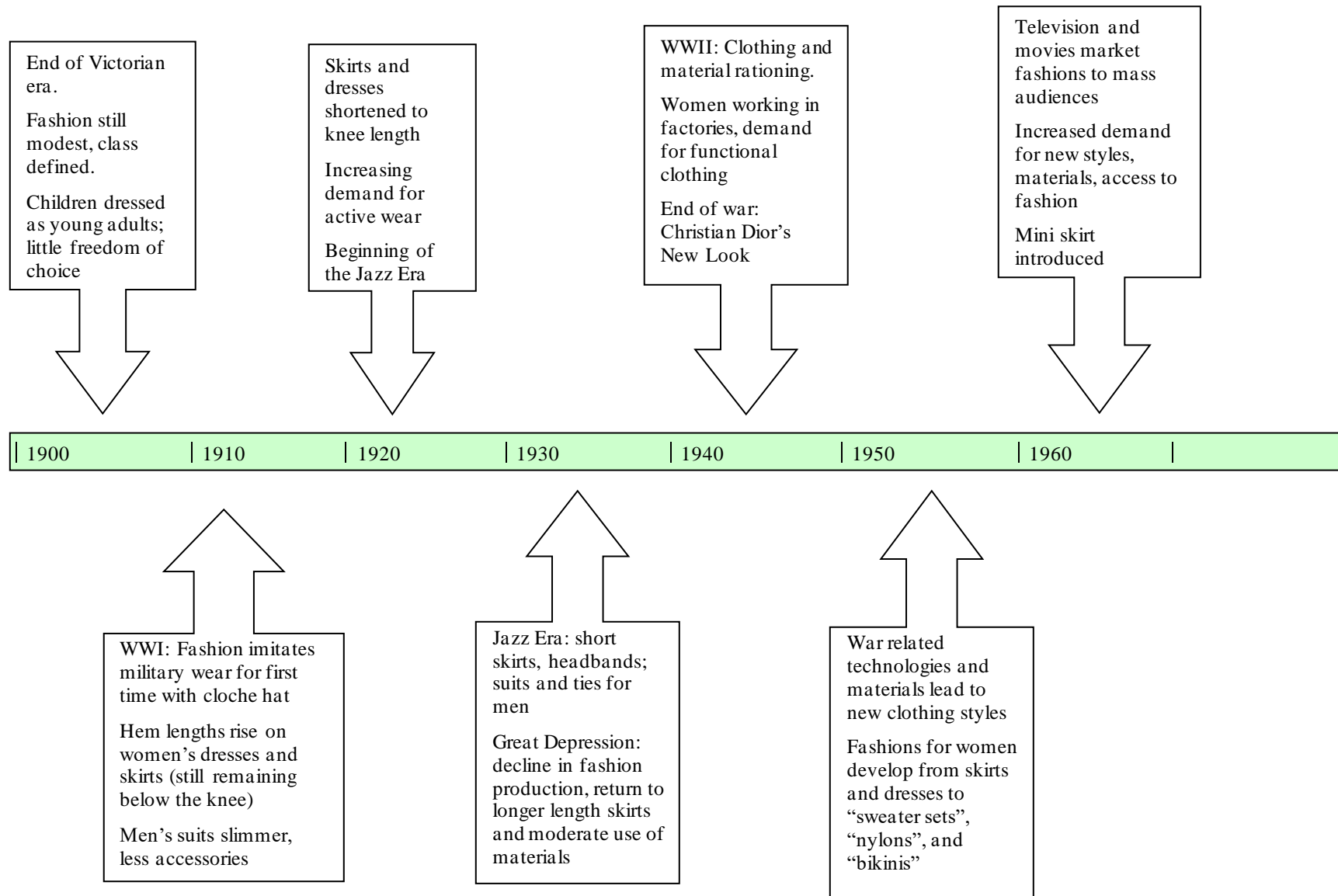


# Fashion through the Years



Clothing has always been used as a visual tool to indicate a person's gender, class, and ability to access material goods.

Throughout the twentieth century, advancements in technology, manufacturing, and global communications increased opportunities to develop new products to consume, leading to major changes in the way we dress.

Global conflicts have also affected our choice of clothes, historically with the design of the *cloche* hat (1910s) and the clothing rations of the 1940s.