

Zelda Wynn Valdes  
&  
Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel

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Zelda Wynn Valdes

- Born: June 28th, 1905 in Chambersburg, PA
- Learned to sew from her grandma and uncle
- one of the founders of the National Association of Fashion Accessory Designers
- Opened up “Chez Zelda”
- Worked with Dance Theatre of Harlem
- Passed away at the age of 92 in the year 2001

# Introduction



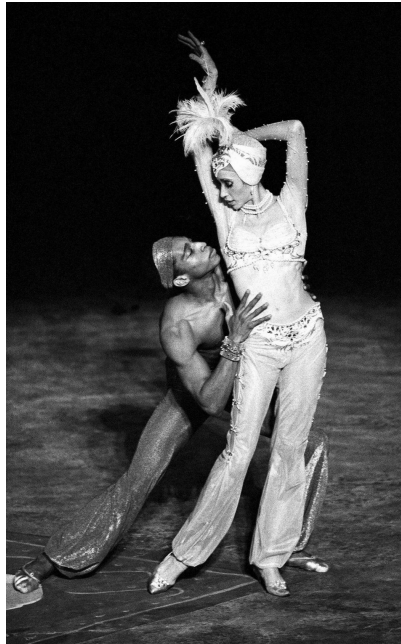
Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel

- Born: August 19th, 1886 in Saumur France
- Learned to sew from the orphanage she was put in and from her aunt
- She was a mistress and used it to her benefit
- She was a milliner
- Opened up many Chanel shops and her famous Chanel house
- Passed away at the age of 84 in the year 1971

# Zelda Wynn Valdes

- Zelda is important because she was the first black american designer
- She traveled around the world with the Dance Theatre of Harlem
- She designed Nat “King” Cole’s wife’s wedding dress;
- Along with the majority of other black influencers
- She had to close Chez Zelda

# Zelda Wynn Valdes



# Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel

- Chanel is important because she created simple, luxurious and comfortable for women in a time women clothing was uncomfortable
- She used materials and designs that were generally used for men and made in for women
- She built herself her own fashion empire that is still alive and thriving
- Chanel did to take a break from fashion after it was outed that she was in a relationship with a nazi man

# Gabrielle Bonheur Chanel



## Chanel

- Her brand is still around
- She used the money of the wealthy men she was with
- She love simplicity

## Similarities

- “Went from rags to riches”
- Selfmade
- They were firsts in there fields
- Opened their own shop

## Valdes

- Closed her shop and her brand is no longer available
- Traveled around the world designing costumes