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PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY – American Decorative Arts

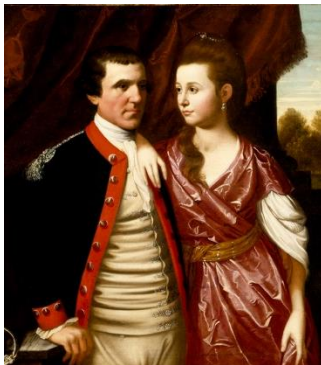
Think about the terms **fashion** and **style**. **Fashion** is a popular trend that is seen in style of dress, ornament, manners of behavior, etc. **Style** a distinctive appearance that is determined by the principles to which something is designed.

Think about **fashion** and **style**. Give one example of a **fashion** and **style** from long ago and an example from today.

Long Ago: _____

Today: _____

While clothes from the 1700s reflect a certain style, they are not popular today. Below is a portrait of people wearing clothes from long ago. If someone was to wear those outfits today, how would people react? Write your reaction below.



Furniture has its own fashions and styles too. Today, popular stores like Pottery Barn and IKEA sell furniture with clean, sleek lines. If someone liked modern furniture they might buy something from one of those stores, rather than an antique store. In the space below draw a picture of your ideal chair. Then, describe what features of your chair make it either **fashionable** today or in the past. What type of **style** does it reflect?

