

The Closeted Witch:

Textiles, Colors, and
Accoutrements for a Magical and
Purposeful Wardrobe



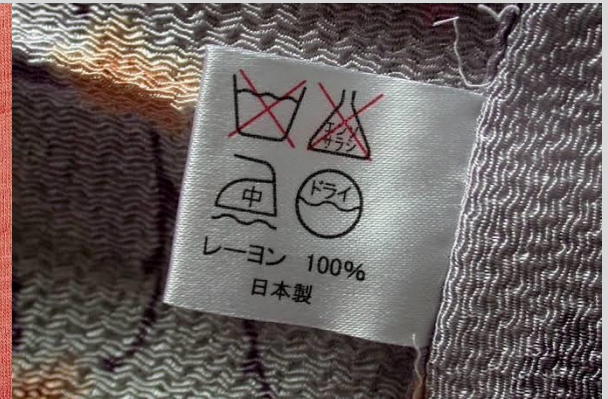
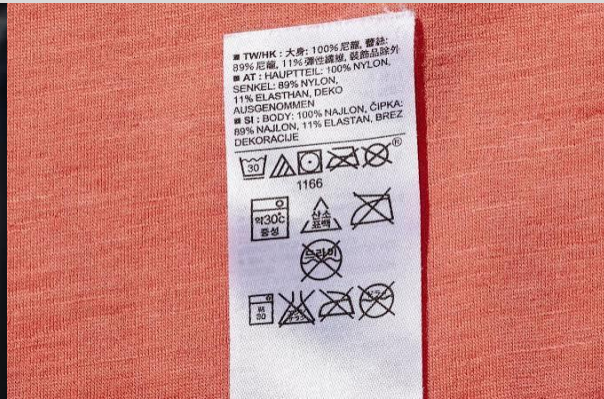
Close your
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your
current
closet...

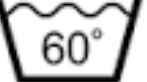


Let us
begin...

Look at a clothing tag...

Look at your neighbors
tag...
with consent



	TEMPERATURE				CYCLES		OTHER		
 MACHINE WASH	 Cold	 Warm	 Hot	 Normal	 Perm. Press	 Delicate	 Do Not Wash	 Hand Wash	
	HEAT SETTING				CYCLES		OTHER		
 TUMBLE DRY	 No Heat	 Low	 Medium	 High	 Normal	 Perm. Press	 Delicate	 Do Not Tumble Dry	
	DRY								
 DRYING	 Hang Dry	 Drip Dry	 Dry Flat	 Dry In Shade	 Do Not Dry	 Do Not Wring			
	TEMPERATURE								
 IRONING	 Low	 Medium	 High	 No Steam	 Do Not Iron				
	BLEACH								
 BLEACHING	 Any Bleach	 Non-Chlorine	 Do Not Bleach	 Chlorine Allowed	 Non-Chlorine				
	DRY CLEAN								
 DRY CLEAN	 Dry Clean	 Do Not Dry Clean	 Any Solvent	 Any Solvent Except	 Petroleum Solvent				
									
									
									
									

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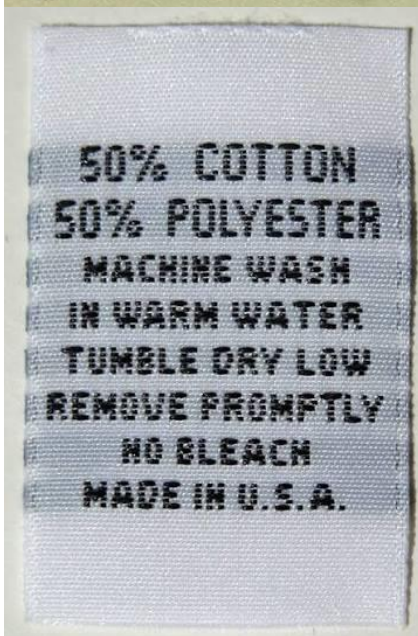
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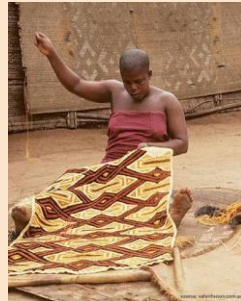
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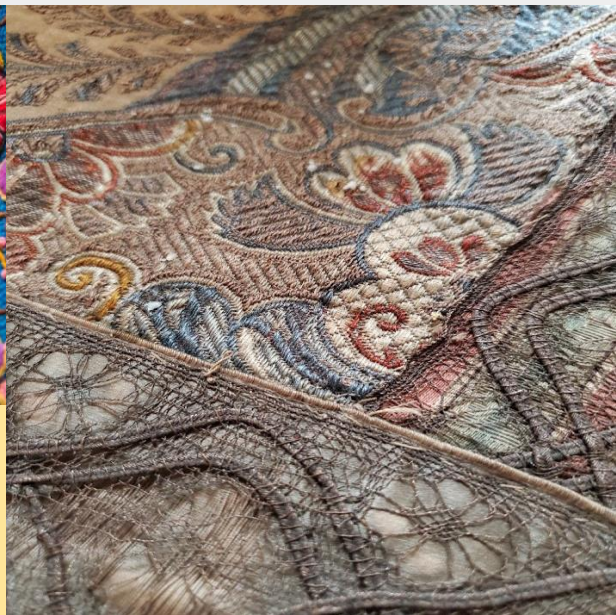


*WE
NEED
TO
KNOW
THIS!*



Generational Ignorance





Textiles



Texere

Coming apart at the seams

Thread of life

Dyed in the wool

Follow the thread of an
argument

The fabric of life

One thread short of a jumper

The tapestry of life

Shoddy work

Unravel a mystery

Cut from the same cloth

Twit

Homespun argument

Hanging by a thread

Spinning a yarn

Wind it up

Every Religion and Region Has a Myth, Fable, or God/dess Associated With Textile Crafts

Greece

Moirae (Fates)

Clotho

Atropos
Lachesis



Theseus and Ariadne



Penelope

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Lakota People



Incan - Mama Ocllo



Chinese - Zhinü

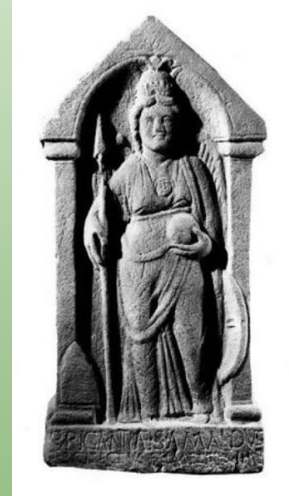
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Norse - Frigg(a)



Ghana - Anansi the Spider



Celts - Brigantia

Most religions have a garment of some kind that shows the world a little of what they believe, even if it's only worn ceremonially.



Clothing is Political and anyone who says its not is either lying or doesn't know any better.

Trigger warning for some of the following political images.

Cockade: typically pinned to the lapel, sashes, or at the hatband.



French Revolution (1792-1802): red, white, blue
Irish supporting the French Revolution: Green



Jacobite White Cockade: Showed support for “Bonnie” Prince Charles (Particularly 1745)



Civil War Era (1861-1865) New York Irish Brigade Cockade.



Cockade in the colors of the Central Powers Austria-Hungary and Germany, 1914, WWI



Spanish-American War (1898)



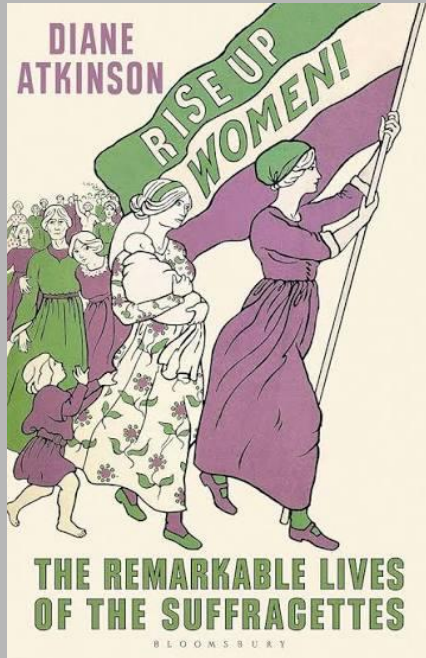
Lincoln mourning cockade with ferrotype at center (1865)



British Suffrage Movement

Politics and Use of Color

British Suffrage Movement Colors

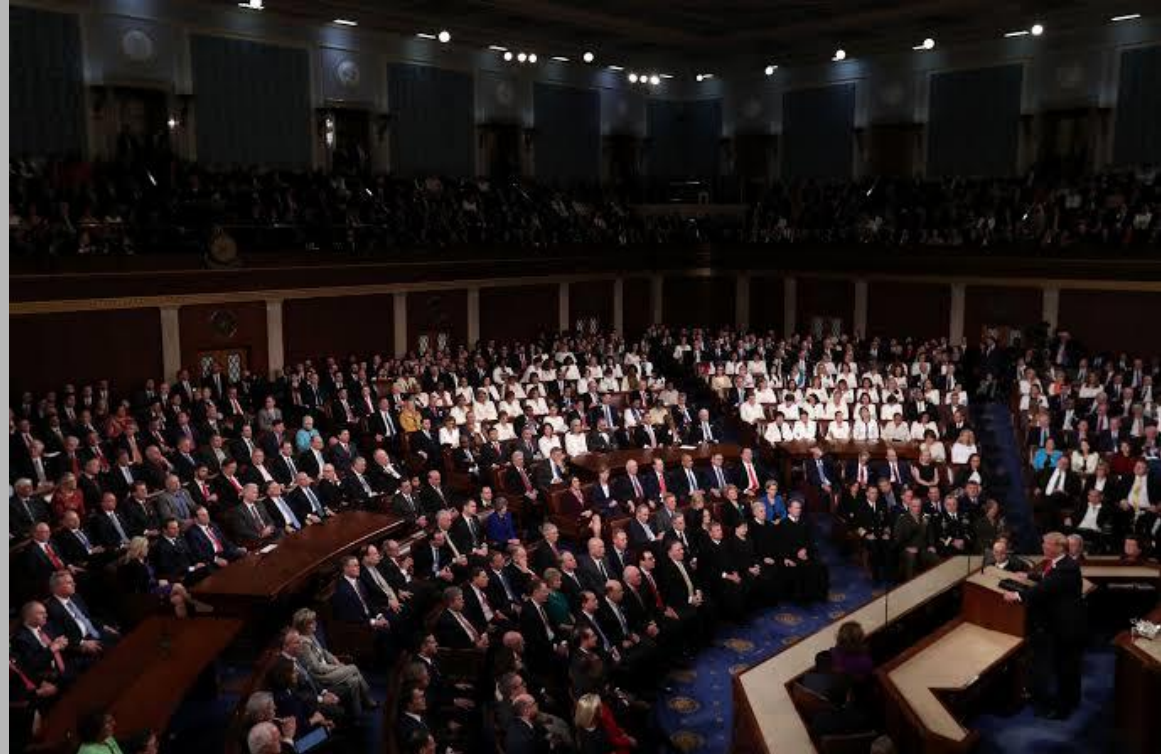


American Suffrage Movement Colors



(This image has been color enhanced)

(2017) Wearing White
to the State of the Union

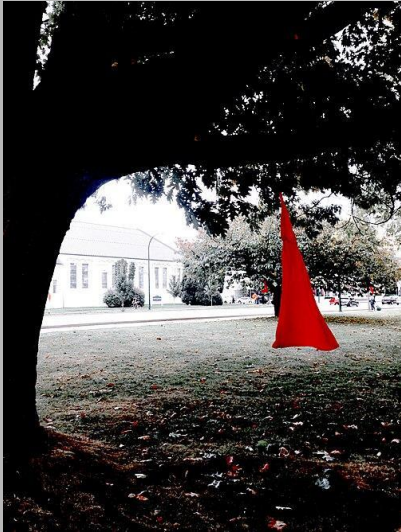


(2017) Pink Pussy Hat Movement

*Pussy Hats Make an Appearance
on the Missoni Runway*



(2010) The Red Dress Project



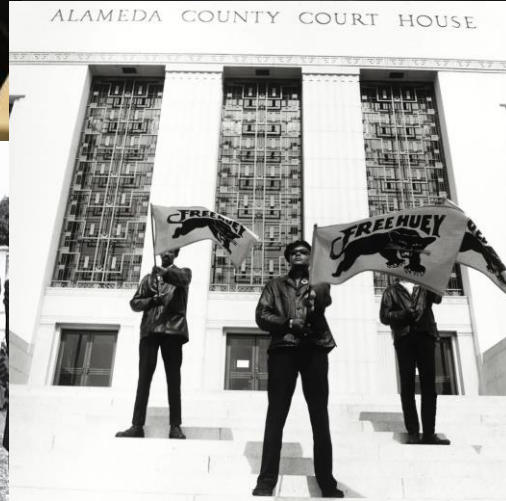
Red Hats



Keffiyeh



(1960s) The Black Panther Movement



(2014, 2020) Basketball, Politics, Eric Garner, and George Floyd



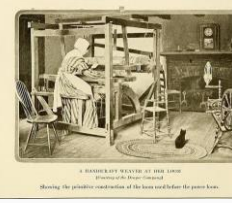
Political “Inclusivity” Public Statements in Dress



(2021) Biden Inauguration: Michelle Obama in a plum colored pant suit, Jill Biden’s dress and coat with all 50 state flowers embroidered.



(1953) Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Dress with something from every country in the British Empire at the time.



History of how clothing was made before industrial revolution





Cellulose Fibers

- Earth Magic
- Location of the plant or deity
- Connecting to the land
- Connecting to the season



Protein Fibers

- Animal Magic
- Location of the animal or deity
- Connecting to the land
- Connecting to the season



The Process from Plant/Animal to Textile

HOW IS FLAX LINEN MADE? (FROM PLANT TO FABRIC)



HARVESTING

Pulled by hand/root to preserve fiber length



RETTING

Soaking to separate fibers (water/dew retting methods)



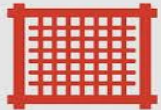
BREAKING & SCUTCHING

Removing woody stalk parts



HACKLING & SPINNING

Combing fibers, spinning into yarn



WEAVING

Creating linen fabric (plain, damask, or blended weaves)

How Is Wool Fabric Made?



1. Shearing

The production of wool begins with the shearing of wool-bearing animals.



2. Cleaning

Next, the shorn wool is cleaned.



3. Sorting

They are then sorted into bales.



4. Carding

Carding is the process of making the fibers into long strands.



5. Spinning

These carded strands are then spun into yarn.



6. Weaving

After a final washing, this yarn can be woven into garments and other types of woolen textiles.



7. Post-Production

Lastly, the finished textiles may be exposed to a variety of post-production processes to develop certain attributes.

Textile Terms



Flax Breaker



Carding
Brushes



Combing...combs



Drop Spindle



Spinning Wheel

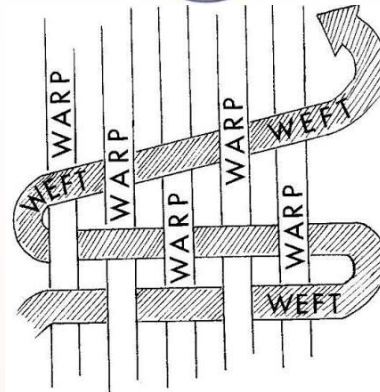
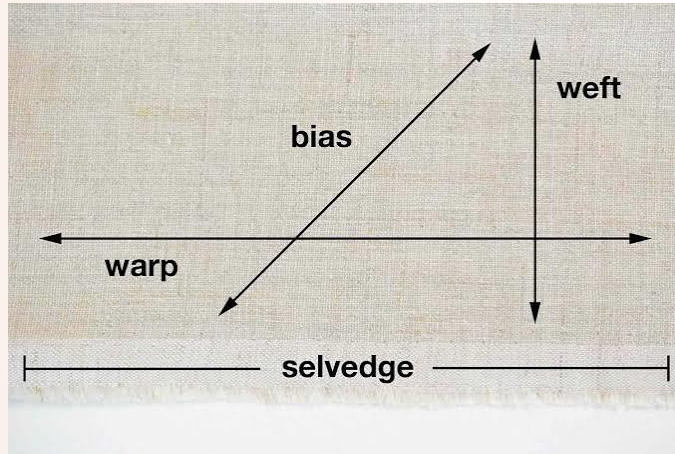
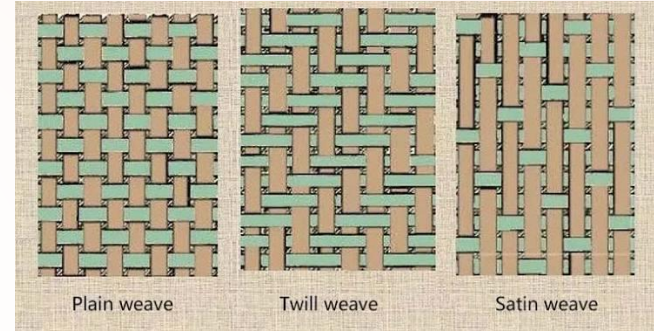
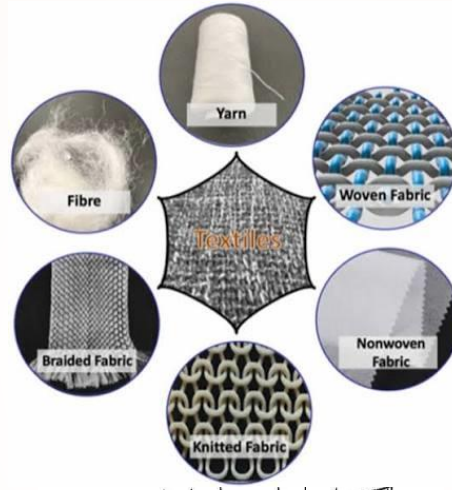


Loom(s)



Shuttle

Textile Terms





Rayon vs. Polyester



Manmade Fibers

- Cost effective and used to mimic cellulose and protein fibers and/or to reinforce them
- Used most often in modern times
- Natural/ Synthetic Polymers
- Inorganic Fibers

Start Popping Tags*



IM GONNA POP
SOME TAGS, ONLY
GOT 20 DOLLARS
IN MY POCKET
-THRIFT SHOP

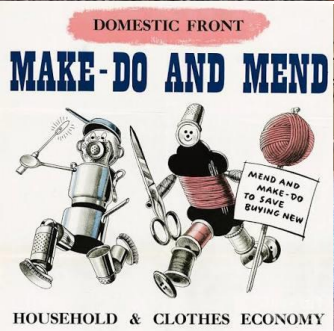


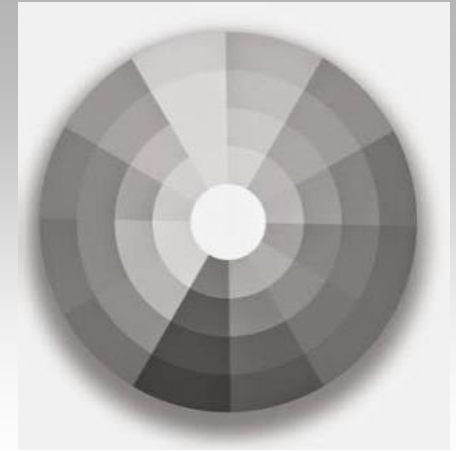
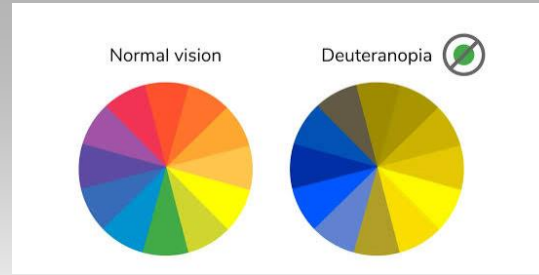
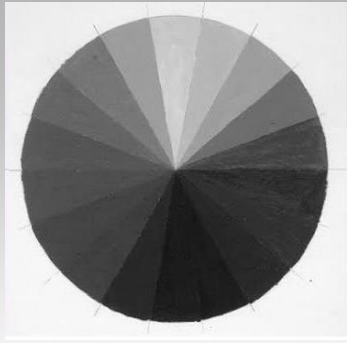
*But, sage and wash before wearing



Making your wardrobe Couture

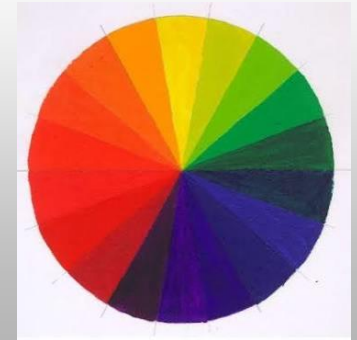
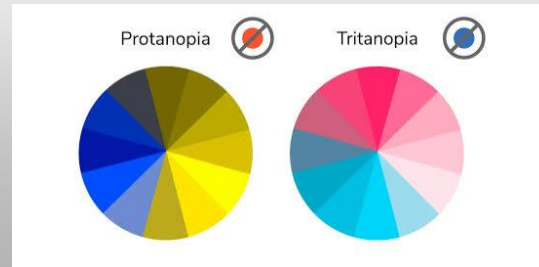
- Couture
- Eco-Couture
- Personalization
- One of a Kind



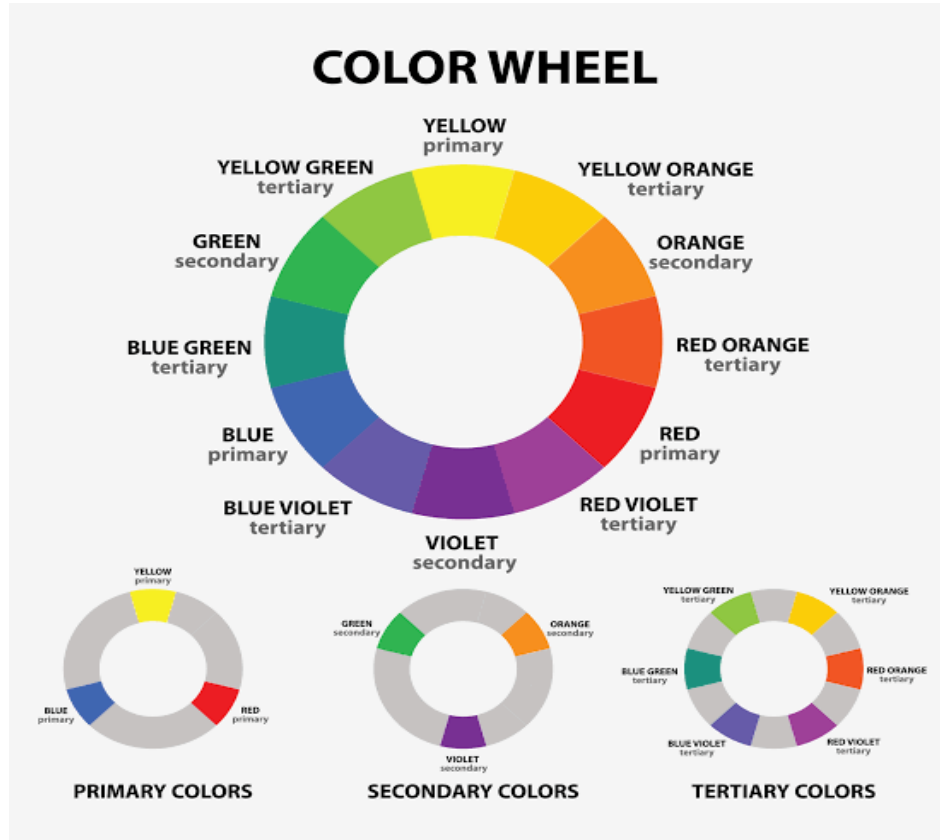


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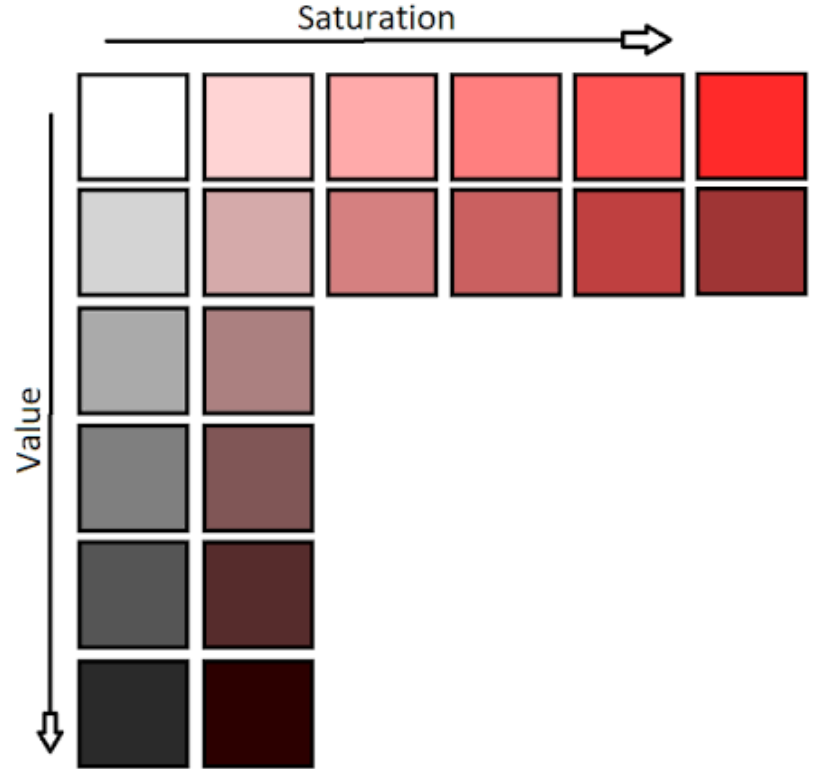
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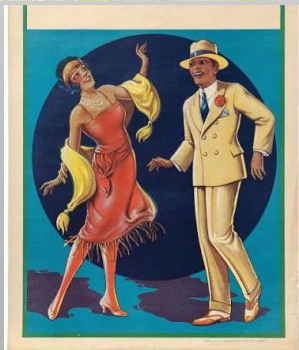
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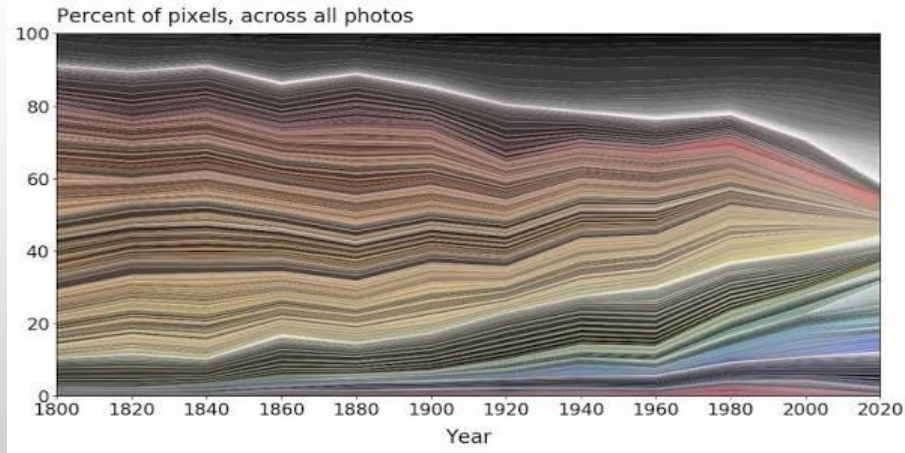
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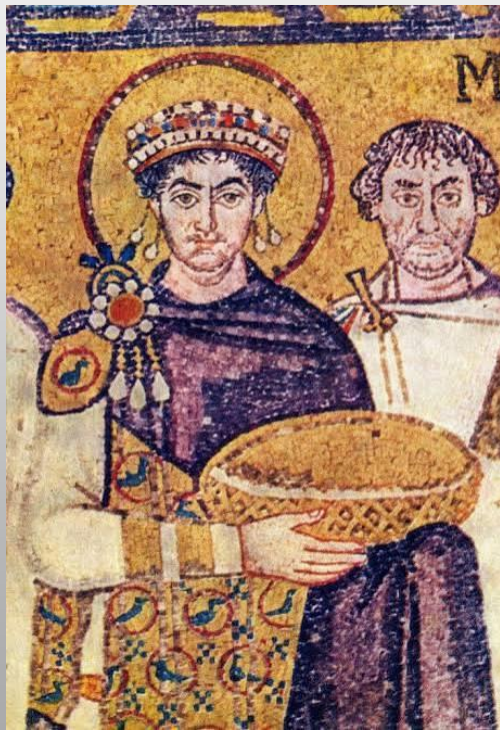
Clothing used to be so colorful...



Loss of Color in the World



Use of colors outside magical practices



Use of colors inside magical practices

Magenta

Love, depth, passion,
adoration, devotion,
sexual confidence,
spiritual connection



Pink

Love, compassion,
romance, friendship,
joy, emotional healing,
kindness, affection



Red

Fire, passion, action,
determination,
motivation, courage,
seduction, fresh starts



Purple

Spirituality, magick,
psychic power,
divination, wisdom,
meditation, truth



Blue

Spiritual healing,
communication, focus,
inspiration, truth, trust
higher self connection,



Gold

Success, abundance,
prosperity, wealth,
fame, the divine
masculine, the Sun



Silver

Intuition, dreaming,
healing, divination,
purification, the divine
feminine, the Moon



Green

Abundance,
prosperity, success,
health, fertility, money
healing, good luck



Orange

Creativity, abundance,
positivity, vitality,
career success, joy
ambition, celebration



White

Cleansing, purifying,
healing, truth, clarity,
spiritual guidance,
new beginnings



Grey

Neutrality, balance,
spiritual wisdom,
conflict resolution,
tranquillity, clarity



Yellow

Learning, clarity,
communication,
inspiration happiness,
friendship, business



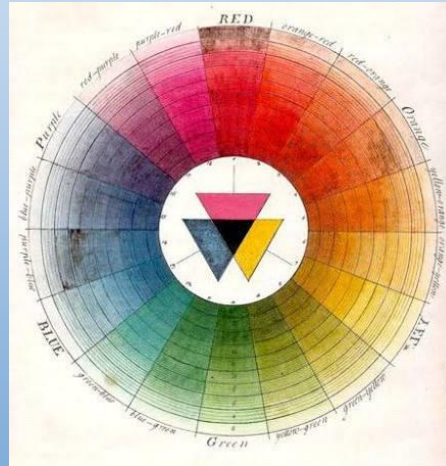
Black

Protection, banishing
negativity, reversing
curses, release,
endings, rebirth



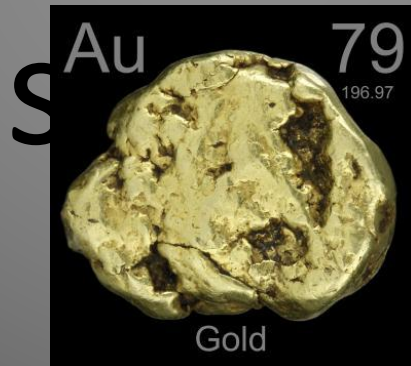
Brown

Stability, security,
grounding, neutrality,
materiality, balance,
animal connection





Metal





Gold





Silver





Mixing Metals & Materials





Accoutrement



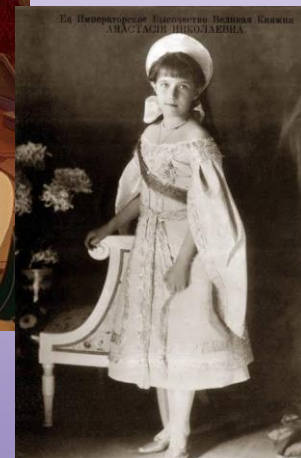
OK. SO NOW WHAT?





Costumes and the Stories They Can Tell







MAIN
CHARACTER
ENERGY

In Closing...

