Eighteenth Century Clothing

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lothing for men and women during the 18th century changed from beginning to end. These changes in clothing showed the changes in culture and people began to look to the country and to nature for inspiration in clothing. Wealthy men wore white linen shirts with lacey edges, sleeveless waistcoats, long overcoats, and satin knee breeches. Their clothing was often very bright with tons of embroidered curvy lines. By the end of the 18th century though, men started wearing dark clothes instead. Women’s clothing became thicker as they worse more and they also wore brightly colored fabrics such as silk with a lot of designs on them. Their dresses had all kinds of decorations that consisted of laces, bows, and ruffles. Women wore corsets to help tighten their waists. They soon replaced these big, elaborate dresses for simple white cotton ones by the end of the 18th century. Both men and women wore wigs, as well as, makeup.

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