



During the early decades of the United States, called the "**Federal Period**" (1790-1830), dresses with an "**Empire silhouette**" were popular. This meant that the dress had a very high waist (all the way up to the chest!) and a loose-fitting skirt worn without as many **petticoats** underneath to fluff it out.

This dress is made of silk. The silk was probably harvested in China before being sent to England and made into fabric, and then finally worn here in America. That's a journey of nearly ten thousand miles!

Check the tags on your clothing. Where were they made? How far did your clothes go before you wore them? #73.127.1