

History of Furniture

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Lecture Series:

1. Furniture of Charles 11 reign 1660 – 1685

The Baroque period in furniture, new styles, new decorative methods are now emerging.

2. William and Mary, Queen Anne 1685 – 1714

Furniture still very much in the Baroque taste, furniture becoming less ostentatious. Some of the most graceful and elegant pieces appear during the Queen Anne era.

3. Early Georgian Period, William Kent, Brass Inlaid Furniture 1714 – 1735

Very much a grand style with an Italianate influence. Furniture now being designed specifically for the grand Palladian mansions.

4. Chippendale the great 18th Century Designer 1735 – 1770

The popular styles during this period are the Rococco, Chinoiserie and Gothic.

5. Robert Adam 1758 – 1792

Adam introduces the Neo Classical taste, which can be seen in the design of buildings, furniture, porcelain and silver.

6. Hepplewhite and Sheraton, last of period Designers 1780 – 1802

Very elegant furniture. Furniture now designed for everyday purposes.

7. The Regency Period 1800 – 1830

Influenced by the styles Populari France after the French Revolution.

8. The Victorian Period 1837 – 1900

The Victorian period is an evolution of past styles, however there are innovative designers - Augustus Welby Pugin, William Morris, The Arts and Crafts Movement, Rennie McIntosh, the great Scottish architect.

9. Eileen Gray 1900 – 1978

Avant Garde designer, famous for her lacquer work and furniture design.