

1. During the past 400 years people have been creating more comfortable furniture.
2. Fastening cushions on top of seats they made chairs easier to sit on.
3. When people traveled they carried their clothing in large chests.
4. After an Italian designer attached legs the chest became furniture.
5. Thus the first chest of drawers was made.
6. Adding arms, backs, and cushions to chests other designers created sofas.
7. During the 1500's and 1600's explorers brought Chinese furniture
8. In the early eighteenth century certain craftsmen became famous.
9. Combining Greek and Roman and Oriental styles Chippendale created a style of his own.
10. Also the brothers Adam and Heppelwhite created unique styles.
11. When wealthy American colonists furnished their homes they imported English furniture.
12. Besides Chippendale Sheraton created popular desks and chairs.
13. From the Caribbean colonies craftsmen got mahogany.
14. Using such native woods as cherry and chestnut American craftsmen created equally beautiful desks and cabinets.
15. Furnishing Mount Vernon Washington showed a taste for native woods.
16. Besides Washington Jefferson and Adams imported furniture.
17. If you go to a furniture store today you will find excellent copies of eighteenth century designs.