# To what extent does James Van Der Zee’s work reflect the values of the Harlem Renaissance?

Below is a photograph taken by James Van Der Zee. What do you think are some of the most important features of the image?

James Van Der Zee, “Evening Attire,” 1922

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**Task: Write an analysis of the above image, considering to what extent it reflects the values of the Harlem Renaissance. Topics to consider include:**

* **The composition of the image – what is in the image? What is in the background / foreground? What draws your attention?**
* **The values of the Harlem Renaissance – does the image represent the idea of the ‘New Negro’? How does it represent gender / class / race?**