Fashion Design- Mrs. Troyanos

Fashion is Green Too

There is a new awareness in the Fashion Industry, which is sometimes known as Eco-Fashion. It encompasses being socially conscious about what goes in to making clothing, and being an informed consumer that can make ethical choices in their purchases. This awareness includes concerns over the environment and the effects on it through manufacturing processes. It also concerned with the ethical treatment of animals, and although we needed to wear fur to keep warm hundreds of years ago, there is no longer a reason to use animal fur or skin with all the new options of fabric and materials. Human rights concerns over the ethical treatment of small farmers, factory workers ( including children) who are treated like slaves in horrible conditions, as well as those who work the fields to produce the fabrics, and sew the garments.

**Websites:**

You can become informed, by checking out websites such as those below. Or watch movies such as *China Blue* which is a film describing the working conditions of children in clothing factories. Or watch *Walmart: The High Cost of Low Price.*

[www.Cleanclothes.org/companies](http://www.Cleanclothes.org/companies)

[www.Responsibleshopper.org](http://www.Responsibleshopper.org)

[www.Studentsagainstsweatshops.org](http://www.Studentsagainstsweatshops.org)

**What can I do about it?**

We each can make a difference by choosing not to buy products made by the worst companies, by writing to them. You also can choose not to wear leather or fur- including leather belts, shoes, handbags, belts, or Ugg boots.

**Assignment**:

Read the handout ***And All I Got Was This Lousy T-shirt: What they never tell you at the mall***from the book **Get Real- What Kind of World Are You Buying? By Mara Rockliff.** Answer the questions on the sheet attached.

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1. According to the article, what two countries supply most of the clothing in America.
2. What is the definition of sweatshops, as stated in the article?
3. If you purchased a pair of socks for $2.00 then how much would a typical manufacturer make?
4. How much are the child and teenage workers paid in Bangladesh? How many hours do they work?
5. Describe in detail what the working conditions are like in the sweatshops?
6. What age do some kids start picking cotton?
7. What is the quantity of chemicals it requires to grow the cotton for a single pair of jeans?
8. Where do the chemicals go after applied to the jeans after manufacturing?
9. What happened to the children working in the cotton field after the pesticide is sprayed? How is it applied?
10. What are some alternative fabrics that may be used in the future instead of cotton?
11. What would be an ethical way to purchase products from cotton?
12. Where does cottonseed oil come from and what is it used for?
13. Name three ways you can be more ethically conscious about fashion???