

VInt Follow-up Activities

Text type: reading

Week: 4

Title: Your fashion choices may be hurting the planet- Here are 6 ways to reduce your impact

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Follow-up Writing:

Paraphrase the following excerpts from the text, as you would if you were using the information in a summary.

1. The industry is clearly in need of large-scale change, so trying to make a difference with your individual purchases can feel discouraging. But through their everyday buying decisions, consumers can send powerful messages to big corporations and create demand for more sustainable products.

2. Many are forced to work long hours in unsafe environments. For example, in 2013, an eight-story building housing several garment factories collapsed in Bangladesh — the second largest clothing manufacturer in the world. More than 1,000 workers died and over 2,500 were injured.

Follow-up Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever purchased an outfit for a special occasion and then never worn it again? Would you have considered renting the outfit, if that option was available?
2. What do you do with the clothes you no longer want or need? Have you ever bought or sold used clothing or accessories?
3. What fabrics do you prefer for your clothing and home textiles, such as sheets and towels? Do you think knowing how damaging some fabrics are to the environment will make you change your mind about this?