



# Where do your Clothes Come From?

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**Skills:**  
Achieving Goals  
Communicating  
Decision Making

**Goals:**  
To learn about where clothes are made.  
To learn about conditions in the clothing manufacturing industry.  
To learn about people in other countries.

## Intermediate Level



**China, Costa Rica, Mexico, Turkey, Japan. How far have your clothes traveled to get to your closet? They probably have come from half way around the world. Look at the tags of the clothes you are currently wearing and begin your trip around the world.**

Learn more about where the clothes you are wearing are made. Through this activity you will also learn more about countries around the world that manufacture clothing, who the people are, what they are paid, and what working conditions are.

Choose 2 items of clothing that you wear frequently that are made in a country BESIDES the U.S. Go on the internet and learn about these 2 countries and fill out the chart below.

Here are some sites that may help you to research and find this information:

[http://www.independent.org/pdf/working\\_papers/53\\_sweatshop.pdf](http://www.independent.org/pdf/working_papers/53_sweatshop.pdf)

Google the following:

Working conditions in clothing factories \_\_\_\_\_ (countries' name)

People of \_\_\_\_\_ (countries' name)

Wages in \_\_\_\_\_ (countries' name)



### IDEAS FOR SHARING WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

While finding information on the internet save pictures that you find of the countries you study.

Make a poster or Power-Point Presentation, using pictures and facts and present to your classmates, or to a project group.

Clothing item	Country where item is manufactured	What are the workers paid per hour?	What are their working conditions?	What are some interesting facts about the people who live in this country?

### FACTS:

U.S. clothing manufacturing workers are paid around \$9 an hour.

## Looking at What You Have Learned

After completing this activity answer the following and share what you have learned with your friends and family:

What did you learn about clothing manufacturing conditions in other countries?

Why do you think clothing items are manufactured in other countries?