

**What did we
even learn last
class?**





Your Task:

- Imagine that you are a factory owner in 18th century Britain.
- Write a letter from this point of view, explaining to a friend why you think child labour is important to the economy, and why it would not be a good idea to improve working conditions.
- You have 15-20 minutes

Textbook pages 144-147 might help you

Activity:

- Check the tag on your partner's t-shirt/jacket/sweater
- On your sticky note, write which country your shirt was made in
- **When I call your group up, put the sticky note above the appropriate country in a line**



Indonesia



USA



Response Journal

Write a response (full sentences) answering some of these questions. Feel free to add in any of your thoughts/experiences/feelings.

- What did you notice about the map and graph we made?
- What surprised you?
- Where were most of the items made? Did you notice any patterns?
- Why do you think the factories were in these locations?
- What kind of conditions do you think the people who produced the items work in?

Child Labour & Sweatshops Today



Start-up Task

Respond to this question on the handout provided:

- What do you know about sweatshops? What are they and where do you think they exist? Do you think that child labour is common today?

What is a Sweatshop?

- Violates labour laws / has socially unacceptable working conditions
- Often have
 - Poor working conditions
 - Unfair wages
 - Unreasonable hours
 - Child labour
 - Lack of worker benefits
- In developing countries, an estimated 250 million children ages 5-14 are forced to work
- Products that commonly come from sweatshops:
 - Shoes
 - Clothing
 - Toys

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO MAKE A DENIM SHIRT IN BANGLADESH, VERSUS THE U.S.?

U.S.

\$0.75 INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRY

\$5 MATERIALS

\$7.47 LABOR COSTS

TOTAL
\$13.22



TOTAL
\$3.72

BANGLADESH

INDUSTRIAL LAUNDRY **\$0.20**

MATERIALS **\$3.30**

LABOR COSTS **\$0.22**

SOURCE: Institute for Global Labour and Human Rights



In a factory in China that makes Levi jeans, women sew for 12 hours a day for less than 12 cents an hour, with only 2 days off each month. Also, they receive no healthcare and no compensation for injury.



In a factory in Vietnam that makes Nike shoes, employees work for 65 hours each week, for less than \$10 a week. Most of these employees suffer from respiratory problems caused by breathing in chemical fumes at work.



In a factory in India, boys work 22 hour shifts sewing beads onto scarves, and are beaten if they make even a tiny mistake.



Factories in China which make ipads and iphones for Apple employ impoverished teenagers for about 25 cents an hour, with forced overtime, in dangerous working conditions. As a result, many workers have committed suicide, fights have broken out, and in one instance, an explosion killed two workers.



In a factory in China which makes Christmas ornaments for Wal-Mart, employees work 95 hours a week without the proper safety equipment to protect them from the various paints, paint thinners, and solvents they were exposed to. Workers developed sores and rashes as a result, but received no medical treatment or compensation.

Walmart

Save money. Live better.



ENDORSE



SWEATSHOPS™

P O V E R T Y I S A W E S O M E



iSweat





- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzq31hpGZOI>



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BANGLADESH

**SAFETY IN TATTERS AT CLOTHES FIRMS
WHERE WORKERS SUFFER FOR FASHION**

13:22
CET

RT

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MUHAMMED MORSI ORDERS COUNTRY'S TOP 2 MILITARY



Task: For/Against Chart



1. Read the statement
2. Decide if it is **for** or **against** sweatshops. Write **for** or **against** in the next column
3. In column three, respond to the statement (Do you agree/disagree? Why or why not?)

Opinion:

This side:



Sweatshops are not as evil as many think.

This side:



Sweatshops should be outlawed worldwide

Opinion:

This side:



Outsourcing damages
a country's economy

This side:



Outsourcing is
necessary in today's
economic world

Opinion:

This side:



Child labour is completely unacceptable

This side:



Child labour is saving many families

Your Task



Answer questions 4 & 5 on your handout

Extension

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5uYCWVfuPQ>