

Name: Tia Cherabie

Team TN

School: Palomar College

Email: tcherabie@gmail.com

Now that you are beginning to understand the impact of fashion, let's look more closely at your favorite shirt. Check the tag inside. What kind of information does it provide?

- Record the brand name, materials used and where it was produced.

My semi-casual button up shirt is 'Rachel Zoe Los Angeles New York', it is 100% polyester and was produced in Vietnam

- Research the impact this item may have had on the people who produced it and the environment. Share your research. (maximum 100 words)

According to the 'Zoe report', each style collection is manufactured to integrate seamlessly into your existing wardrobe, be versatile and not go out of style while holding long-term position in your closet. "Every season I carefully select luxury products that can be worked into your closet and your busy life," Zoe explains. Her brand does not display much detail about production online but as evident above, carries a certain degree of sustainability.

According to fashion United UK, Vietnam has recently become a massive hub for exporting fast fashion to popular brands like Zara and H&M but has retained a baseline level of ecological and humane production. Many different articles also state that Vietnam has a high potential of becoming a leader in sustainable clothing design as its skilled textile industries collaborate with businesses like fashion4freedom

The most problematic part about this shirt is the 'breathable' material. Polyester is a synthetic material made of plastic-like compounds that have shown to release carcinogens in the manufacturing process. It can also irritate skin, especially for those with eczema.

Be bold and wear your shirt inside out for the day. Whenever anyone tells you that your shirt is inside out, tell them you're involved in Project Green Challenge to start a conversation with what you have learned about today's theme and the fashion industry.

- Was anyone surprised to hear why you were wearing your shirt inside out? What were their reactions? What information did you share with them?

I wore my inside out shirt to a semi-casual training meeting I had today. One of my coworkers asked me what I planned to get out of having my shirt buttoned outside in. I proceeded to explain the situation and get a laugh out of it. He thought for a moment then said, "hey, I'm kinda curious now, I'm going to check my tags when I get home... Hope I've been making the right choices".

