

An Investigative Report!

Name: _____

Core: 1 2

STANDARDS OF FOCUS

I can write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence
→ I can evaluate an argument for sound reasoning and relevant evidence
I can cite text evidence to support my analysis of a text

BACKGROUND: Throughout this module, we have explored working conditions. We read *Lyddie* to take a glimpse of the factories of the past and understand the challenges faced by workers. We studied Cesar Chavez's speech to contemplate how individuals and groups affect working conditions as agents of change. Now, we are going to explore the working conditions of today and think about how you, a teenage consumer, influence working conditions around the world.

Do popular companies today provide fair working conditions?

Choose a business from the list provided by your teacher. Using the checklist below, research this business to determine if this business employs fair working conditions. Record your findings on your research notes catcher. Then, create an Investigative Reports Documentary to showcase your research. These videos will be presented to the class. Your documentary **MUST** include: an overview of the business, working conditions, and advice to consumers as agents of change. Please refer to the attached rubric for grading criteria.

You will need to include research on the following checklist items:

- Hours:** How many hours a day do employees work? Do employees get any time off?
- Compensation:** Are the workers being paid a fair wage for their work?
- Health, Safety, & Environment:** What is the working environment like for employees?
- Treatment of Individual Workers:** Are workers being harassed or discriminated against?
- Treatment of Groups of Workers:** Are workers allowed to join together in unions?
- Child & Forced Labor:** Does this company utilize child or forced labor?



Next Steps for Completing the Project:

- ★ Select a company to investigate.
- ★ Conduct your research. (Use the C.R.A.P. Method!)
- ★ Write the script of your investigative report.
- ★ Record and post your investigative report to the Doc by _____.

Part 1: Choose a Business

Take a look at the list of businesses below. Select one and write it down —

Honda	Dell	Under Armour
GAP	Hanes	McDonald's
Nintendo	Disney	L.L. Bean
Amazon	Nike	Starbucks
Mattel	Old Navy	Samsung
Target	Adidas	Tyson
Purina	Apple	Wal-Mart
Fila	Forever 21	Sears
Exxon	Choice (teacher approved)	H & M

Chosen Business: _____

Part 2: Working Conditions Graphic Organizers

HOURS

Source Title, Author, Publisher, Date	
How do you know this source is credible? (Refer to C.R.A.P.)	
Evidence	
What does this say about the working conditions?	

COMPENSATION

<p>Source Title, Author, Publisher, Date</p>	
<p>How do you know this source is credible? (Refer to C.R.A.P.)</p>	
<p>Evidence</p>	
<p>What does this say about the working conditions?</p>	

HEALTH, SAFETY, & ENVIRONMENT

<p>Source Title, Author, Publisher, Date</p>	
<p>How do you know this source is credible? (Refer to C.R.A.P.)</p>	
<p>Evidence</p>	
<p>What does this say about the working conditions?</p>	

TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUAL WORKERS (HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION)

<p>Source Title, Author, Publisher, Date</p>	
<p>How do you know this source is credible? (Refer to C.R.A.P.)</p>	
<p>Evidence</p>	
<p>What does this say about the working conditions?</p>	

TREATMENT OF GROUPS OF WORKERS (UNIONS)

<p>Source Title, Author, Publisher, Date</p>	
<p>How do you know this source is credible? (Refer to C.R.A.P.)</p>	
<p>Evidence</p>	
<p>What does this say about the working conditions?</p>	

CHILD & FORCED LABOR

<p>Source Title, Author, Publisher, Date</p>	
<p>How do you know this source is credible? (Refer to C.R.A.P.)</p>	
<p>Evidence</p>	
<p>What does this say about the working conditions?</p>	

OTHER

<p>Source Title, Author, Publisher, Date</p>	
<p>How do you know this source is credible? (Refer to C.R.A.P.)</p>	
<p>Evidence</p>	
<p>What does this say about the working conditions?</p>	

