

Written Report – due April 13th (Tuesday)

Objectives:

- To identify how today's and tomorrow's issues related to textiles
- To understand how textiles impacts society and culture
- To improve your writing skills in the fashion industry

Project Requirements:

- Typed, double-spaced, 3-5 pages in length
- You may use photos in your report, but remember that the photos *support* the report, they are not the majority of it.
- Select a topic pertinent to textiles in the fashion industry. A list of suggestions follows.
- Find a minimum of 3 sources that cover this topic. They may be periodicals, online articles, or books. *Wikipedia is NOT a reliable source for research.*
- Report your findings on the topic, and analyze the relevance to today's society. Do you feel this is important? Is this a problem with a possible solution? If so, is enough being done? If not, why is the media paying attention to it? Why is it important to you?
- Be sure to have a clear introduction, body and conclusion to your paper.
- Cite all sources, facts, ideas, quotes and photos in APA style
- Include a bibliography of your sources in proper APA style (separate page – does not count for length of report)
- Submit your paper via ONE of the following two ways:
 1. EMAIL the complete file by the beginning of class on the due date. The paper must be saved as a Microsoft Word document or a PDF, and PC compatible.
 2. TURN IN the completed PAPER to me at the beginning of class on the due date as a hard copy.

***You may not turn in *parts* of the paper after the due date and time (i.e.: the bibliography.) If you only have half a paper completed at that time, turn in what you have – a 50 is better than a 0.

List of (Suggested) Topics:

These are just a few suggestions to get your mind rolling. You may certainly choose topics beyond this list.

- Oil shortage and polyester
- New technologies in textiles (nano fibers, fiber optics ...)
- Military influences in textiles (as in technology, not the “military” look)
- American textile labor industry
- Pesticides and textiles
- Ethics issues in the industry
- Off-shoring
- Reducing the “Carbon Footprint” with textiles (going Green)
- Texas and cotton
- Texas and wool
- Colored cotton
- The on-going debate of fur-use in fashion
- The decline in quality manufacturing