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Quiz #1: The Introduction
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Textiles and their history have also played a role in shaping the world we live in. During World War 2, many soldiers struggled to mend their uniforms due to incorrect sewing and insufficient supplies. Even during the Great Depression, the overproduction of cotton and poor marketing affected the industry. The globalization of textiles has a rich and intricate history spanning centuries. European powers established trade networks with other parts of the world, introducing new textiles and production techniques. The made led to the growth of the textile industry textiles worldwide, including Asia and Africa. Today, in society, the textile industry remains in the global economy, with countries involved in textiles and textile products.

World War II was in the history of textiles due to the shortage of materials during the war. This will lead to the development of new fabrics and the use of materials such as rayon and nylon. Women played a significant role in the textile industry during the war, as many men served in the military. The war also led to the rise of synthetic fabrics, which revolutionized the industry and changed the way clothes were made. Therefore, World War II had a found impact on the textile industry, leading to innovations and changes that are in today.

The trade policy is important to the United States and Japan because it keeps prices stable. The agreement was to lower tariffs on goods and services. The United States restricts Japan a lot of money from tariffs. Tariffs are taxes on qualities of goods such as rice, technologies, etc. Also, Japan's economy is worth billions of dollars and the U.S. wanted to benefit from it and develop agricultural exports.

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c. What is Rosen's definition of a sweatshop? Why were unions created? How did the incident at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City impact unions? On women?

Rosen's definition of sweatshops is a workplace where women are employed at poor wages and unhealthy conditions. Unions were created to have fair wages, better conditions, and a good worked environment. Rosen states that "A sweatshop, as understood here, is not merely a firm that offers poorly paid jobs". This means sweatshops in an unhealthy environment lead to death or injuries. The incident at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City impacted unions and is a great campaign of workplace reform especially for women. The shirtwaist factory was on fire and one hundred twenty five of immigrant women and girls died or jumped out of the factory. In the 1930s, New deal by the federal government and (TILGW) was established for women to receive good paid vacations, and medical care.

Name the Union established for Garment workers?

- ❖ The International ladies Garment Workers Union in New York City (TILGWU)
- e. How has the media played a part in unionization?

The media played a part in unionization by using the newspapers. Newspapers were the media at the time because they were the print and press, not today's media where we can socialize such as Facebook or chat apps. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory was a tragedy for immigrant women and girls. Government officials should understand that they need a horrible incident to make a policy. They knew the situation and still refused to do anything about it. Therefore, we need to understand the situation before tragedy happens.

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