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Purpose

Choose a product and try to trace its production and distribution path around the world. While our everyday lives may seem like they function on a local level, this will highlight the global connections that exist.

Process

1. Review the “[Goods Across the World](#)” article for two examples of how to trace a production and distribution path (iPhone and coffee).
2. Choose something you use in your everyday life. It must be made of different components, or parts, and cannot be an iPhone or Starbucks’ coffee.

Product	
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3. Research your product online to find out where all the components of this product originate and where they travel in order to be assembled into the final product. In the table below, list up to five components, their locations of origin, and where they traveled. Be sure to cite the sources where you found your information. Finally, add each location to the blank world map at the end of this activity, labeling the locations and component parts.

Component (part)	Location of origin	Route traveled	Source

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4. Use the blank map below to chart the path your chosen components traveled in order to become the final product. Label each component and their location of origin on the map. Then, for each component, draw arrows from the origination location to all the locations it traveled, and ultimately to your location.

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