Chapter 3 Discussion Activity: Ethics of Fashion – Modern Day Sweatshops

Discussion Activity Directions

Before participating in this discussion, please read all assigned articles, Chapter 3 from the Free Textbook, and watch all videos included in the activity. Your responses should be thoughtful, well-developed, and demonstrate your understanding of the content.

Requirements for Your Responses

When answering the discussion questions:

- Write a minimum of **300 words total**
- Use complete sentences and summary form (no bullet points)
- Incorporate evidence and examples from the assigned articles and videos to support your ideas
- Be sure your answers clearly reflect the key concepts presented in the materials

Your goal is to show that you have engaged with the readings and videos and can apply what you've learned to your discussion responses.

Important Notice: AI Policy

I want to take time to clarify my expectations regarding written assignments, discussions, and any other work you turn in my courses going forward.

AI is a great tool to help with brainstorming or reviewing concepts, but **may not be used as your final answer and copy and pasted**. When you use AI in your work, I see many students with the exact same answers word for word! If I think the work is not in your own words, I will simply respond in the comments that I believe this is AI work and will give you a **0 on the work turned in**.

AI Warning

Going forward, each question should be answered in a complete paragraph that clearly demonstrates you are engaging with the assigned readings and videos. Your responses should go beyond brief or surface-level statements and instead explain ideas fully, using specific concepts, examples, or details drawn directly from the course materials.

I Am Looking for Evidence That You Have:

- Carefully read the assigned content
- Watched the required videos

- Thought critically about the material
- Integrated pieces of both into your answers

Short or minimal responses will not receive full credit.

Required Videos and Articles

Video Assignments

🎬 **Ensure all videos are well captioned with good sentence structure.**

1. **The Lies that Sell Fashion** Watch on YouTube: The Lies that Sell Fashion
2. **It's Not Just Shein** Watch on YouTube: It's Not Just Shein
3. **Why Americans Are Suddenly All In On Thrift Clothes** Watch on YouTube: Why Americans Are Suddenly All In On Thrift Clothes

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Discussion Questions

Due Date: Friday by 11:59 PM

Answer all of the following questions in complete paragraphs:

Question 1

Define the term **Fast Fashion**.

Question 2

Define the term **Human Rights**.

Question 3

Define the term **Sustainable Fashion**.

Question 4

Despite people knowing about sweatshops, why do we as consumers continue to purchase from companies that do not provide their workers with adequate working conditions? *(Refer to videos)*

Question 5

Would the modern-day fashion industry survive without sweatshops? Explain in detail. *(Refer to videos)*

Question 6

Explain **Implicit Bias**. What does it mean? How can we reduce Implicit Bias? *(Refer to Chapter 3)*

Question 7

Clothing views need to change: Clothing you purchase should be something to hold onto and value. Clothing pieces should be treasured. You should take great care of your clothing pieces. Your clothing should last for many years. Your clothing should represent your personal style, NOT current trends of the time! Instead of buying many low-quality clothing items each year (average is 68 items a year), you should buy a few good quality pieces each year.

Please explain your thoughts on this statement of why our clothing views need to change. *(Refer to the videos)*

Question 8

Code of Ethics: Visit your favorite brand's website and find their code of ethics. These are usually found at the very bottom of a brand's webpage under the list of links.

- Provide the link of the website in your answer
- Analyze their code of ethics statement
- What ethical situations are discussed or mentioned in this statement?
- Are there any areas missing that you think they should have addressed in the statement?

(Refer to the videos and the store website)

Peer Response Requirement

Due Date: Sunday by 11:59 PM

Respond to **1 of your peer's discussion posts on Question 7**.

Read another peer's code of ethics from a brand that is different from the brand you chose. In your response, address the following:

- Compare that brand's code of ethics to your brand's code of ethics
- Which brand does a better job?
- Do you believe brands' code of ethics statements?
- Is it possible that brands today have ethics with regards to fast fashion and human rights?

Submission Timeline and Guidelines

Assignment Component	Due Date	Late Policy
Discussion Questions (1-8)	Friday by 11:59 PM	Late points will be deducted
Peer Response	Sunday by 11:59 PM	10 points deducted if late; no late submissions allowed

Important Late Policy Information

- If the discussion is submitted late, late points will be deducted
- If the discussion is submitted after 7 days from the due date, the student will receive a **0** for the assignment
- If the peer response is not submitted on time, **10 points will be deducted** and no late submissions are allowed

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Tips for Success

1. Watch all videos and take notes on key points
2. Read Chapter 3 carefully, focusing on Implicit Bias
3. Read the Code of Conduct article before researching your chosen brand
4. Write in complete paragraphs with specific examples from the materials
5. Start early to meet the Friday deadline for questions
6. Return to the discussion board before Sunday to complete your peer response