***Planet Money Makes a T-Shirt – The World Behind a Simple Shirt***

<http://apps.npr.org/tshirt/#/title>

**COTTON**

1. What parts of the world is cotton grown?
2. Identify and describe three components to how the U.S. has perfected its cotton production.

**MACHINES**

1. Spinning yard is highly technical process. Identify at least 4 specifications that the Planet Money T-shirt must meet.
2. Discuss why might Jockey want to keep their specs secret?
3. Discuss why Indonesia is in a “sweet spot” in the global T-shirt trade.

**PEOPLE**

1. When and where were the first textile factories created? Who mostly works in these factories? What have these workers left behind to work in these factories?
2. What is the monthly minimum wage that garment workers in Bangladesh make? Which of the top apparel-exporting countries in the world has the highest monthly minimum wage?
3. Historically, what has happened to factories when minimum wages have gone up?

**BOXES**

1. Describe how ships were loaded prior to the invention of standardized shipping containers.
2. What inspired Malcom McLean to create the first standardized shipping container? What conflict was created out of his invention?
3. How has the standardized shipping container greatly reduced the cost of shipping?
4. Identify the 11 steps in the commodity chain of the Planet Money t-shirt.