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6 Items Research & Writing

World Civilizations I

After reading this week's Research and Writing assignment, I was eager to explore how the most important things to me actually came to me. For this assignment, I chose some of my favorite clothing items, important technology to me, and my everyday essentials. The items and their network connections are listed below.

Black Dress - Shein

- This dress I have from Shein is my absolute favorite. It is manufactured in China and then shipped from China to the United States. Then it came through Carteret, NJ to a USPS facility and was then shipped to a Brooklyn USPS facility. Lastly it was delivered to me in Brooklyn, NY.

Black Heels - Jennifer Lopez (DSW)

- Designed and manufactured in the United States. The three main designing places include New York City, Miami, and Los Angeles. Jennifer Lopez teamed up with DSW who is owned by Designer Brands to create numerous types of shoes that are attractive and comfortable. Production was in various parts of the United States and then shipped to local DSW stores across the country. I received mine for a DSW in the Palisades Mall in New York.

Roku TV - Hisense

- Roku TV's have nine different manufacturers and partners. My TV is a Hisense Roku TV. Hisense was created in Qingdao, China in 1969. The Hisense Roku TV I have was manufactured in the United States and then sent to local Walmarts. I picked mine up from my city's Walmart. However, although Hisense produces in over 130 countries, Hisense appliances sold in the United States are manufactured in the United States.

Michael Kors Bag

- I use Michael Kors bags every day. Whether I'm going to school, out to eat, to the gym, or even to church I always have a Michael Kors bag. It's my favorite brand. Majority of Michael Kors bags are produced in China; however, some can be produced in Indonesia, The United States, Korea, and Vietnam. All of the Michael Kors bags I have were made in China then shipped to the United States. One bag I ordered came from Macys, so it was shipped to a Macy's warehouse and then to a Macys in Menlo Park Mall in NJ and then picked up by me. The other Michael Kors bags I have were ordered through the Michael Kors website. They were shipped from China to a USPS facility and then mailed to my house.

Glasses - Americas Best

- I wear eye glasses every day. I need them to see far distance and sometimes up close as well. Both pairs of glasses I currently have are from the company America's Best. America's Best has various different vendors where they get their glasses frames from. I own a grey pair and a

pink pair. The grey pair I have were made in Bangladesh and belong to the company Archer and Avery. Like most products they were most likely shipped from Bangladesh to The United States and dispersed to different Americas Best stores in the US. The pink pair I have were made in China, but I couldn't find the company they're from. However, I'm sure they went through the same shipment process from China to the United States similar to other products.

MacBook - Apple

- My MacBook Air is an essential item in my life. I use it for all of my school work, personal work, and church work. My MacBook Air was created and designed by Apple and made in China. However according to Forbes, they're moving all of their products to be manufactured in Vietnam and India. When I got my MacBook, I picked it up from an Apple Store. Before arriving to the Apple Store, it was shipped from China to the Apple headquarters in the United States. Then it was shipped out to different Apple stores in the United States.

Obviously without these connections, my life would look pretty differently. Each of these items means something to me. For example, fashion is one thing I love so having pretty clothes and shoes makes me happy. Without the ability to have the clothes I love through the network connections; I think I wouldn't have such a deep love for fashion and clothing that I do now. When it comes to my TV, that is my source of entertainment. TV shows and movies bring my family together, so we bond through having a TV. Without having it, I think my family would just have a different form of bonding and spending time together. I'm not quite sure what it would be though. My Michael Kors bags are very important to me. They carry everything I need on a daily basis such as my phone, my medicine, my computer, etc. Without having it I would be struggling to carry all things I need on a daily basis. When it comes to my glasses, I think that is the most important thing I have on the list because I actually can't see without them. It is clear that without my glasses my vision would be horrible, and I wouldn't be able to do simple everyday tasks like travel, drive, write, read, etc. Lastly, my MacBook would be the only thing I would be okay with not having. Although it makes it easier for me to do work in various ways, without it I would just have to do work the "old-school" way through writing. Overall, I don't think my life would look drastically different without having these network connections.

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