

Natural Resources and Human Impact Homework

Instruction: Print and answer the following activities. Use your internet resources if needed.

Where Did It Come From?

Choose an item in the classroom, school or in the environment and think about the materials needed to create that item. Many natural resources were probably used to make the final item or product. In addition, some of the materials may have needed other natural resources to even have been created at all! For example, a t-shirt requires cotton, which is a natural resource. In order to have grown, the cotton needed sunlight, soil and water.

For each of the natural resources used to produce the final item, determine the following

- Its role in the final item or product
- Where it came from? If it comes from the sun, soil, wind, water, trees and many more sources of these products.

You may list natural resources more than once because it may play multiple roles in producing your final item. Fill out your information in the table below:

Natural Resource	Role in final product	Where it came from?
Sunlight	It helped the cotton trees to grow to make cotton clothes .	trees

Questions to Explore:

1. Define **natural resources**.
2. Research in advance what is the difference between a **biotic** natural resource and an **abiotic** one? Give an example of each.
3. Why is Oxygen in the atmosphere such an important natural resource for humans and animals?
4. What is the importance of the Sun to life on Earth?