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**Globalization Research Project**

**Commodity Chain (sometimes known as a supply chain)-** a process used by firms to gather resources, transform them into goods or commodities, and finally, distribute them to consumers. It is a series of links connecting the many places of production and distribution and resulting in a commodity that is then exchanged on the world market.

**Directions:** Choose a product (commodity) that you use on a frequent basis that is not made in the United States. You will be researching the product from start to finish and giving an explanation similar to that of the Planet Money T Shirt. Be sure to choose a product that is fairly simple to produce. It needs to be a manufactured good, not an agricultural good. Follow the graphic organizer below to explain your product.

**Raw Materials**

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| **What raw materials are needed to produce your good?** |  |
| **Where do these raw materials come from?** |  |
| **What are impacts on the environment, culture, or society from which these goods come from?** |  |

**Machines**

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| **Where are the raw materials sent to be processed?** |  |
| **What types of machines are used?** |  |
| **What are the impacts on the environment, culture, or society where the machines are located?** |  |

**People**

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| **Where is the processed material sent to be assembled?** |  |
| **Who is assembling this product?** |  |
| **What is this persons wage? Is this person making a decent standard of living?** |  |

**Distribution**

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| **How is this product shipped?** |  |
| **Who receives and consumes this product?** |  |

**Debrief:** In a brief paragraph respond to the following questions:

Are there greater costs or greater benefits on the environment, the economy, and culture caused by the production of this commodity? Is this product a want or a need, and how does that affect your opinion on the cost/benefit analysis?