

Aiding RI Educators: Textiles Sustainability Education for Middle Schoolers

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To promote more sustainable practices within current and future generations, it is necessary to educate others. The use of textiles is an often unrecognized area in which individuals have the power to make a difference in the outcomes of the environment. Today's children will eventually be responsible for making sustainable decisions that will impact generations to come. It is necessary to educate middle school students in Rhode Island about their clothing habits both while in use and at the end of the garment's life cycle by aiding their educators with new class materials.

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