

## **Unit 8 Task: The Real Cost of the items we love**

*Answer the following questions in full sentences your notebooks.*

### **The Real Cost of Fashion**

What is "fast fashion"? When did the trend begin?

Why do you think garment workers in places such as Bangladesh and China are willing to work for low pay and under poor conditions?

How does fast fashion affect the environment?

What do you think teenage shoppers can do to help solve the problems of fast fashion?

What does professor Michael Posner mean when he says that fast fashion is "everybody's problem"?

Explain if you think that teenage shoppers would be willing to pay more for their clothes to ensure higher pay and safer conditions for workers overseas? Explain using evidence from you own experience.

### **The Real Cost of Your Phone**

Explain how cobalt mining is dangerous. Why do people in the DRC take jobs mining cobalt despite the risks?

How has the demand for cobalt changes since 2000 and how is it expected to change in the future?

What actions do you think it will take to address the many problems surrounding cobalt mining? Explain your answer in a paragraph, using evidence from the article to support your response.