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❖ The earliest evidence of human clothing comes from Morocco and is dated between 120,000 to 90,000 years ago. Some scholars believe some clothing may even be older.

❖ A textile is any flexible material that is made by combining threads. Textiles can be made from natural or synthetic materials, and natural materials can come from plants or animals.

❖ Many people believe that all polyesters are synthetic, but many actually include naturally occurring chemicals. Polyesters are defined as polymer materials that contain a specific chemical compound known as ester.

❖ Cotton is the most commonly used natural fiber in clothing

throughout the world. Polyester is the most produced synthetic fiber and the most used fiber overall, so polyester never really went away!

❖ The 1980s had many unique styles that may or may not make a comeback. Velcro straps in place of shoelaces are still yet to make a reappearance.

❖ Linen is a textile made from the flax plant. It was commonly used for clothing in the ancient world in Mesopotamia, Egypt, and the Levant.

❖ Nearly two million people in the US are employed in the fashion industry. Interestingly, 340,000 are employed in fashion in Germany and France but 550,000 work in fashion in the UK.

❖ The first silk road era began in the late 2nd century BCE and lasted until the mid-3rd century CE. The primary states were Han China, Parthian Persia, Rome, and the Kushan Empire.

❖ During the Weimar Period of German history (the 1920s), Berlin rivaled Paris and New York as a premier fashion capital.

❖ Buttons are always on the right side of men's shirts, while they're on the left for women. The reason for this isn't clear.

❖ That tiny extra front pocket on your jeans was used to hold pocket watches. When the first Levi jeans were sold in 1879, most men carried pocket watches.

❖ The average American throws out about 82 pounds of textiles per year. Those clothes usually end up in landfills, where an article of

clothing can take 40 years to decompose.

💡 Spanish company Inditex was the world's largest clothing retailer in sales with \$28.89 billion in revenue. Zara is its flagship store.

💡 The earliest wool textiles in Europe date to about 1,500 BCE, but it wasn't until the early Middle Ages (400s-1100s CE) that wool became a popular material for clothing.

💡 A survey revealed that the average woman hasn't worn \$550 worth of clothing they own or about 20% of their wardrobe. Interestingly, shoes are the number one unworn item.

💡 The turban has been a traditional headwear in the Middle East and South Asia for centuries. In the 1800s, though, the cylindrical shaped hat with the tassel known as the fez became popular in the Ottoman Empire.

💡 In the US, a haberdasher is a retailer who sells men's clothing. A haberdashery is a location where the clothing is sold and may employ a tailor for custom fittings.

💡 On average, Americans spend about 3.5% of their income on clothes. This may seem like a lot, but it's down quite a bit from the 11.5% of the 1950s.

💡 In 2021, North Korean dictator, Kim Jong-un, banned skinny jeans, mullets, and branded t-shirts to stop foreign influence. The mullet