

Student Handout 12.4E Labor Organizing and the Garment Industry

Directions:

Each source gives you information about either how or why workers organize to push for greater workers' rights. Some sources give evidence of both. Examine each source and write down at least one piece of evidence in at least one column for each source. The first one is done for you.

	How do workers organize?	Why do workers organize?
Source 1		Workers in this garment factory do not appear to have clean, safe work spaces. It may be hard to know how much work there is to do, and who is responsible for which tasks.
Source 2		
Source 3		
Source 4		
Source 5		
Source 6		
Source 7		
Source 8		

Next, consider all of your evidence from the “How do workers organize?” column.

What patterns do you see?

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How would you summarize all of these points?

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Next, consider all of your evidence from the “Why do workers organize?” column.

What patterns do you see?

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How would you summarize all of these points?

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Finally, how would you put these together to answer the question, How and why do workers organize?

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