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Ans. It is interesting to trace the names of different textiles as it tells us about their histories.

Muslin - European traders first encountered fine cotton cloth from India carried by Arab merchants in Mosul in present-day Iraq. So they began referring to all finely woven textiles as "muslin".

Calico - When the Portuguese first came to India in search of spices they landed in Calicut on the Kerala coast in south-west India. The cotton textiles which they took back to Europe, along with the spices, came to be called "calico" (derived from Calicut), and subsequently calico became the general name for all cotton textiles.

Chintz - It is derived from the Hindi word chhint, a cloth with small and colourful flowery designs.

Bandanna - The word bandanna now refers to any brightly coloured and printed scarf for the neck or head. Originally, the term derived from the word "bandhna" (Hindi for tying), and referred to a variety of brightly coloured cloth produced through a method of tying and dying.