

World Geography CP and Honors

Rwandan Genocide Assignment

As we have discussed throughout our Political Geography unit, there are many different events that can occur due to different political systems and also through the end of colonization. Most students have studied the Holocaust in school, but many are unaware of the other genocides that have occurred. At this time in class, we watch Hotel Rwanda, which gives an overview of the genocide and the events that many experienced in Rwanda. Since we will not be at school, you will be completing the alternative assignment for the film.

Step 1: Go to the following link and read the brief history of the Rwandan Genocide.

<https://www.history.com/topics/africa/rwandan-genocide>

Step 2: Read each of the news article listed below. If you picked up your assignment at school, you were given a copy of each article. If you are accessing it online, we have supplied the pdf of each article for you to read. Once you have read the articles, write a thoughtful diary or journal entry for a typical Rwandan citizen for each day. (You will have eight journal entries- one for each date) You can choose to be Hutu or Tutsi, but should keep the character throughout. You can use the opportunity to speak as if you participate in the events or react to the events. You can discuss your hopes and fears as a Rwandan person. Each entry should be at least 100 words. You can use pictures online or drawings to express yourself as well. Just be sure to clearly date each entry and **ALL** entries should be school appropriate. You can either type (you must print) or handwrite your journal entries on notebook paper.

All articles are from the New York Times when the genocide was taking place in 1994.

1. April 7, 1994:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/04/07/world/2-africa-leaders-die-un-says-rocket-may-have-downed-plane.html>

2. April 10, 1994:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/04/10/world/western-troops-arrive-in-rwanda-to-aid-foreigners.html>

3. April 14, 1994:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/04/14/world/anarchy-rules-rwanda-s-capital-and-drunken-soldiers-roam-city.html>

4. May 23, 1994:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/05/23/opinion/l-rwandans-die-while-the-un-procrastinates-167290.html>

5. June 3, 1994:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/06/03/world/heart-of-rwanda-s-darkness-slaughter-at-a-rural-church.html>

6. June 10, 1994:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/06/10/world/officials-told-to-avoid-calling-rwanda-killings-genocide.html>

7. August 14, 1994:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/08/14/world/rwandians-in-death-squad-say-choice-was-kill-or-die.html>

8. September 7, 1994:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/09/07/opinion/on-the-trail-of-genocide.html>