

KEY: Genocide: Test Your Knowledge

Genocides are acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group. This situation can create terrible consequences for individuals in such regions. Test your knowledge of genocides with these questions. Use another sheet of paper to respond to the free response questions and remember to provide support for your answers.

Multiple Choice

Please circle the correct answer.

1. What is the convention adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948 that defines and outlaws genocide?

- a. UNGP
- b. CPPCG
- c. WTO
- d. CAFTA

Website: *Synthetic Disasters > Genocide > Overview*

2. In the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, which group was targeted?

- a. Tutsis
- b. Hutus
- c. Peasants
- d. None of the Above

Website: *Synthetic Disasters > Genocide > Past Incidents*

3. Who is the leading critic of the US government's lack of response to genocides?

- a. John Negropante
- b. Zalmay Khalilzad
- c. Collin Powell
- d. Samantha Power

Website: *Synthetic Disasters > Genocide > Case Study*

Short Answer

Please write the answers on a separate sheet of paper.

4. Name the actions broadly considered as acts of genocide.

killing members, causing bodily or mental harm to, calculated physical destruction, preventing births of, forcibly transferring children of a group

Website: *Synthetic Disasters > Genocide > Overview*

5. List some potentially global harms of genocides.

breaking down international law, political instability, cultural destruction, moral destruction

Website: *Synthetic Disasters > Genocide > Consequences*

6. List the eight stages of genocide identified by Genocide Watch.

classification, symbolization, dehumanization, organization, polarization, identification, extermination, denial

Website: *Synthetic Disasters > Genocide > Gov't Response*

Abstract & Logic

Please note that abstract and logic questions do not have any right or wrong answer. These questions are best suited towards class discussions.

7. Why do you think genocide has been allowed to occur so often? Review the Past Incidents page with information on the Holocaust to Rwanda.

Answers can include not feeling responsible for various reasons, selfish capitalist reasons, not wanting to interfere in a conflict that one doesn't understand

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8. Should governments such as the United States involve themselves in genocides of other nations?

Arguments for involvement base largely on moral obligations or larger global ramifications listed in question 5. Arguments against would probably fall along the lines of cultural misunderstanding leading to a bigger quagmire (i.e. Vietnam) or the colder "it's not our problem."

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