

The Genocide Project



Introduction

The genocide project is designed to be a collaborative assignment that explores the nature of genocide in the modern world. Each group should demonstrate knowledge of a particular genocide, the controversies that surround it and its view in the world today.

Four Parts of the Assignment

The completed assignment will have four (4) parts. You may divide the tasks however you like, but each member of the group should contribute substantially to the final product. The final product will consist of these elements:

- ✓ a written paper of no less than three pages, standard MLA format (40%).
- ✓ a PowerPoint with no less than twelve slides, incorporating multimedia, text, and images (20%).
- ✓ a wiki page with clear, easy to read notes and multimedia images (20%).
- ✓ a class presentation of 10-15 minutes summarizing your findings and answering questions.

Issues Your Project Should Address

With the exception of the paper, each element of your project should include an examination of **all** of these issues:

- ✓ the definition of genocide that the event is best described by.
- ✓ the history of what happened during the event.
- ✓ the international/regional response at the time of the incident.
- ✓ the primary actors in the genocide and its primary victims.
- ✓ the aftermath of the genocide.
- ✓ the lessons learned by the world as a result of the genocide.
- ✓ any areas of controversy associated with the event. (Was it genocide? Is there any dispute today? Are there any critics who deny the event?)

The paper can be more narrowly focused. You should focus on 2-4 elements of the assignment in the paper.

Things to Keep in Mind

- ✓ Everyone in your group should participate. Assign tasks judiciously to ensure that you not only get the assignment complete, but that each person has a task they can complete.
- ✓ You need to include sources in all of your work. Each element of the assignment should have a works cited component and specific parenthetical citations inside the work. You can use the same source and ideas in multiple parts of the assignment.
- ✓ Do not plagiarize. If you don't know what plagiarism is or how to avoid it, please check the copious resources available on my web site.

“Genocide is a pressing global concern. The past can serve as a warning...

The first step to a better future begins today. We need to teach what happened. We need to analyse why genocide occurred. We need to listen to the victims and somehow comprehend what terrible deeds happened to them. We need to understand their quest for closure. A wide and full education on genocide is a key component in building the foundation for a more just and secure world.

Without such an education, we learn too little too late, and too often with tragic consequences.” –Alan Whitehorn