

**HIS114: World Civilization II**  
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**The film this week is often difficult to watch and listen to - yet, genocide has been a part of the 20th and 21st century world. Often we ignore what has happened, and it happens again. As you watch the film, make a list of the countries in which genocide has taken place.**

Germany

Japan

China

Rwanda

Guatemala

**1) What was the stated reason for the genocide in each instance?**

As the movie says, usually because leaders usually choose to be the first one to kill and people start to follow and others decide to not do anything. And starts by trying to implement the power over other people and believe that their only nationality or part of type government is the only that can exist and everyone that is against it, or believe in something different should be killed.

**2) Do you see a pattern in these reasons?**

Yes, I do see patterns in the majority of these reasons where most of the leader of Genocide everywhere in the world starts with the fear of a certain of group of people where they see them as a threat and wants to have power over them and see some type of superiority over this people.

**3) Are elements of civil war, or nationalism, or racism, or religion involved in genocides? Do you see examples of interest? Be specific as to the nation/group and the aspect involved.**

Civil war: The genocide in Rwanda was linked to the conflict between different ethnic groups in the country.

Nationalism: The Nazi genocide was fueled in part by the belief in the superiority of the Aryan race and a desire for Lebensraum (living space) for Germans.

Racism: The Guatemalan genocide was based in part on the idea that Maya people were inferior.

Religion: Mao's Cultural Revolution targeted religious groups seen as a threat to the Communist regime, such as Buddhists and Taoists.

#### **4) How do hierarchies and politics impact genocides? How?**

I believe that the impact of the genocides in a way of seeing the Authority over other people see themselves as a higher hierarchy and see them with more power, also we can count with any political issue that is happening in the government, and can also reflect over the scale of the violence.

#### **5) What do you think can be done to stop genocides from happening in the present/future?**

Education, I know it is a hard topic to discuss with a child, but if we see it on the other hand, and introduce this perspective to the kids today so we can change the next generation, is seriously valid, to show the cause of this issue and introduce them the power of Democracy and human rights.