

A CENTURY OF MASS KILLINGS

Use your phone to look up and write down detailed definitions for:

Genocide

Ethnic Cleansing

Genocide:

The planned extermination of a specific group of human beings

- Usually for ethnic or religious reasons

Ethnic Cleansing:

The elimination of an unwanted group or groups from society

- Usually by genocide or forced emigration









Examples of Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing Since the *Holocaust*

1. Rwanda 1994 (East Africa)



- **this ancient country was made up of 3 ethnic groups**
 - **1) Hutus (85%)**
 - **2) Tutsis (14%)**
 - **3) Twa (1%)**
- **Hutu leaders blamed Tutsis for their collapsing economy & social problems**
- **Propaganda was used to create hate against the Tutsis**
- **in April 1994, Rwanda's Hutu president's plane was shot down**
- **Hutus blamed Tutsis and started killing and raping them**

- **Within weeks, 800 000 men, women and children were killed (entire families)**
- **Main weapons: machetes, spears, clubs, small arms**





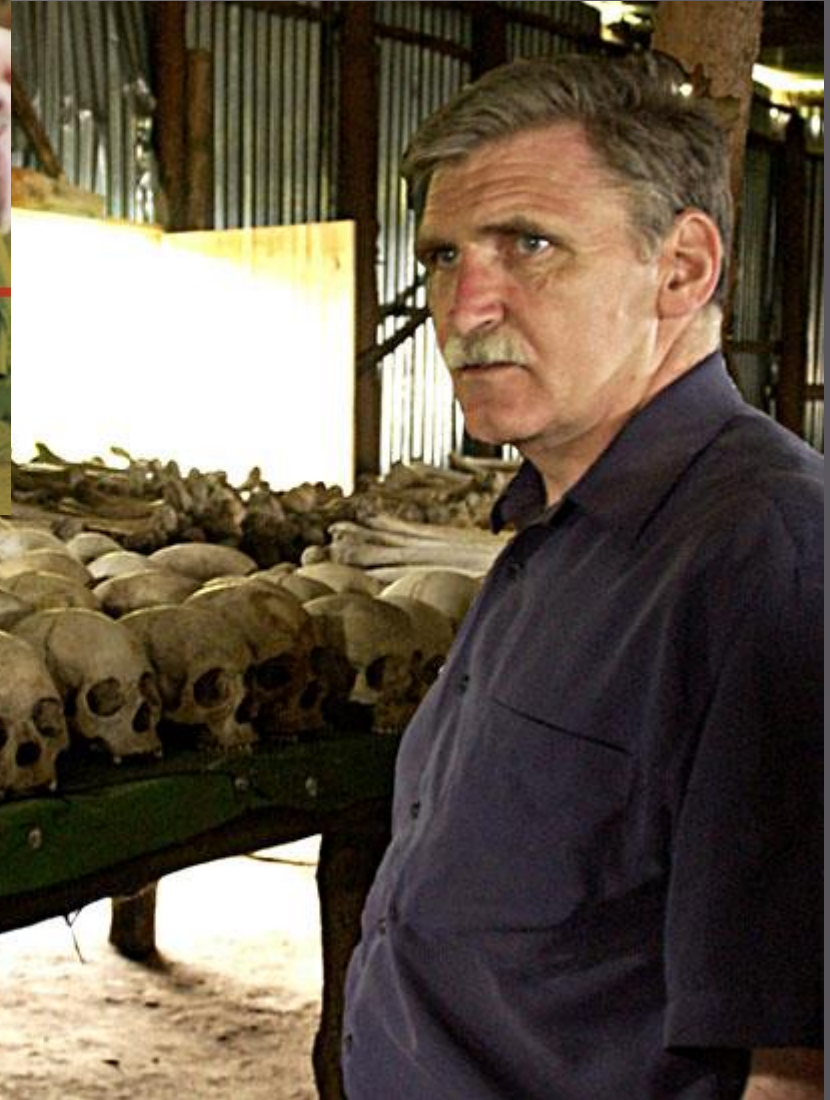
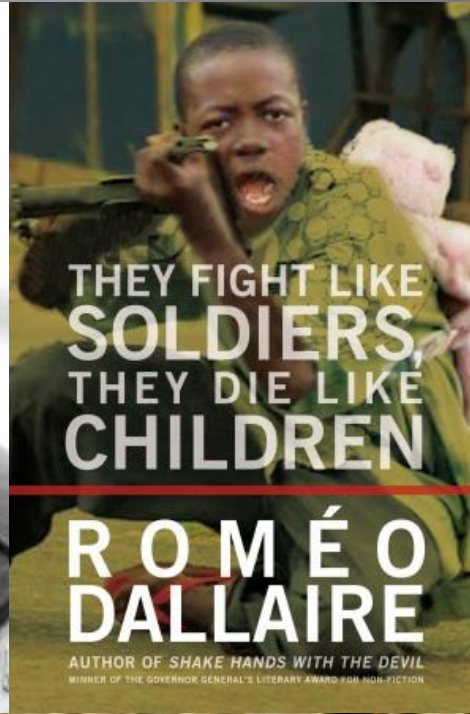
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- $\frac{3}{4}$ of the entire Tutsi population was destroyed
- Hutus that stood against the massacre were also destroyed

Canada's Involvement

- we sent peacekeeping troops with the United Nations to prevent fighting
- we could do very little to intervene

Canadian General: Romeo Dallaire





**In 1994, Canadian General Roméo
Dallaire led a hopelessly
underfunded United Nations
peacekeeping mission to Rwanda.**

- **Dallaire was in charge of the underfunded UN mission**
- **He repeatedly called for more international intervention, but no other military power came to stop the conflict**

Aftermath

- **Regret, a shaky peace**
- **Proved the UN was unable to cooperate at a key time of need (peacekeepers don't always work)**
- **Dallaire believes the lack of action was a result of neglect and racism**

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SHE SEEMS TO BE WAVING, I THINK.

WE SHOULD WAVE BACK, I SUPPOSE.

NOW WHAT'S THAT SHE'S DOING?

DOES SHE WANT SOMETHING?

YES, INDEED. AS CONCERNED NATIONS, WE OUGHT NOT APPEAR RUDE.

HEL-LO YOO-HOO



SHE'S WAVING GOODBYE.....



Bosnian Genocide 1992-1995 (Eastern Europe)



- **Yugoslavia was breaking up**
- **Ethnic groups in Bosnia struggled for dominance and power**
- **Bosnian Serbs forced Muslims and Croats (Croatians) to flee their homes**
- **Muslims also targeted Croats**
- **2 700 000 were displaced**

Methods:

- **Violent terror, mass killings, torture, rape, detention for no reason, vandalism**







Srebrenica Massacre - July 1995

- More than 8 000 Bosnian men and boys murdered in the town by Bosnian Serbs
- Mass graves are still being discovered

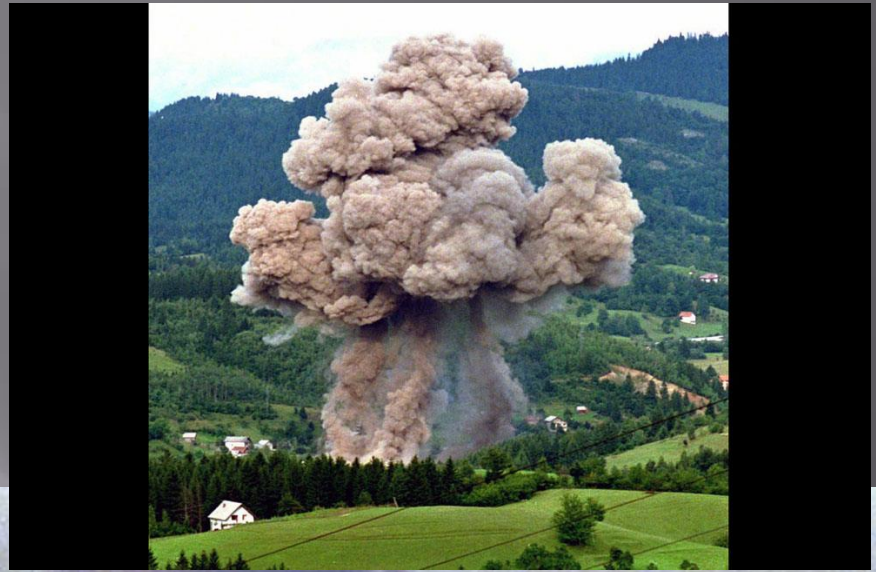


How did Canada intervene?

- Sent peacekeepers with the UN
- Sent warplanes to bomb Bosnian Serb positions
- 40 000 CDN troops have served there since 1991







Aftermath:

- Still an unstable peace, improving
- Many Bosnian Serb Generals arrested and imprisoned by the UN's International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands

Task:

By yourself or with a partner, use your cell phone to search information on ONE of the following 20th Century conflicts:

Investigation: was/is it an example of genocide and ethnic cleansing?

Consider: Who? What? Where? When? Why?

- The Residential School system in Canada (1850s-1960s)
- Armenia (1915)
- Cambodia (late 1970s)
- Darfur (2005)
- Sri Lanka (2009)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (ongoing)
- Israel's occupation of Gaza (Palestine) (ongoing)