

Resources found on this page contain information about genocide, excluding material about the Holocaust. This may include the killing fields of Cambodia and the genocide occurring in Rwanda. Materials on human rights in general are also included.

Print Resources:

Breutman, Richard

DD247.H4 B74 1991 [Check Availability](#)

The Architect of Genocide

Although Adolf Hitler held the ultimate responsibility for what became the Holocaust, it was Heinrich Himmler, head of the SS, who essentially laid the plans and devised the schemes that lead to the killings of six million Jews. An important and engrossing book that makes evident why Heinrich Himmler should be regarded as the master planner of the "Final Solution."

Brown, Skila

PZ7.5.B763 Cam 2014 [Check availability](#)

Caminar

Gr. 5-10

Carlos knows that when the soldiers arrive with warnings about the Communist rebels, it is time to be a man and defend the village, keep everyone safe. But Mama tells him not yet -- he's still her quiet moonfaced boy. The government soldiers laugh at the villagers, and before they move on, a neighbor is found dangling from a tree, a sign on his neck: Communist. Mama tells Carlos to run and hide, then try to find her.

- Teacher Resource:
<https://teachinglatinamericathroughliterature.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/vamos-a-leer-caminar-final-educators-guide.pdf>

Combres, Elizabeth

PQ2703.053 M4514 2009 [Check availability](#)

Broken Memory: A Novel of Rwanda

Gr. 5-8

After hearing her mother being murdered, a young girl must find the strength to survive on her own amidst the massacres of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

Eshet, Dan

K5302.T67 2007 [Check availability](#)

Totally Unofficial: Raphael Lemkin and the Genocide Convention

Genocide, the intentional destruction of ethnic or national groups, has been part of human history for millennia. But since the late nineteenth century, its nature and scale have dramatically changed.

Facing History and Ourselves Foundation

DS195.5.C75 2004 [Check availability](#)

Crimes against Humanity and Civilization: The Genocide of the Armenians

Resource book about the Armenian Genocide that occurred during World War I.

Filipovic, Zlata

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Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Wartime Sarajevo

Gr. 7-up

Thoughts kept by a young girl in diary form, from her peaceful life in Sarajevo to the buildup of the war in Bosnia.

Filipovic, Zlata

DR1313.32.S27 F5513 1994 [Check availability](#)

Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo

Gr. 5-8

Excerpts from the author's diary, begun when she was eleven, describes life in Sarajevo under siege.

Fisanick, Christina

DT450.435.R839 2004 [Check availability](#)

The Rwanda Genocide (At Issue in History)

Gr. 9-12

Presents a collection of primary and secondary source materials discussing genocide in Rwanda.

George, Terry

PN 1997.2.H66 H68 2005 [Check availability](#)

Hotel Rwanda: Bringing the True Story of an African Hero to Film

Gr. 9-12

Describes how the director and co-screenwriter gained financial support to create the movie and includes an overview of Rwanda with details on the events that inspired the movie.

Gourevitch, Philip

DT450.435.G68 1998 [Check Availability](#)

We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We Will be Killed with Our Families: Stories from Rwanda

This remarkable debut book chronicles what has happened in Rwanda and neighboring states since 1994, when the Rwandan government called on everyone in the Hutu majority to murder everyone in the Tutsi minority.

- Teacher Resource:

http://hmd.org.uk/sites/default/files/we_wish_to_inform_you_that_tomorrow_we_will_be_killed_with_our_families.pdf

Keat, Nawuth and Kendall, Martha E.

DS554.83.K43 A3 2009 [Check availability](#)

Alive in the Killing Fields: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide

Gr. 6-up

Alive in the Killing Fields is the real-life memoir of Nawuth Keat, a man who survived the horrors of war-

torn Cambodia. He has now broken a longtime silence in the hope that telling the truth about what happened to his people and his country will spare future generations from similar tragedy.

Kherdian, David

DR435.A7 K47 1995 [Check availability](#)

The Road from Home: A True Story of Courage, Survival, and Hope

Gr. 7-12

A biography of the author's mother, concentrating on her childhood in Turkey before the Turkish government deported its Armenian population.

Lord, Michelle

ML3920.C465 L67 2008 [Check availability](#)

A Song for Cambodia

Gr. 3-5

Presents a biography of Arn Chorn-Pond who survived the Khmer Rouge killing fields because of his skill on the khim and later went on to help heal others and revive Cambodian music and culture.

- *Teacher Resource:* <http://hmd.org.uk/resources/books-for-youngs/song-cambodia-michelle-lord>

Mikaelsen, Ben

PZ7.M5926 Rc 2002 [Check availability](#)

Red Midnight

Gr. 5-9

After soldiers kill his family, twelve-year-old Santiago and his four-year-old sister flee Guatemala in a kayak in order to reach the United States.

- *Teacher Resource:* <http://www.benmikaelsen.com/red-midnight-lesson-plans>

Miller, Debra A.

DT159.6.D27 D3525 2009 [Check availability](#)

Darfur (Current Controversies)

Gr. 9-12

Explores the crisis in Darfur, the Sudanese government's role, China's role, and what should be done to bring peace.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis

PZ7.5.P56 Re 2014 [Check Availability](#)

The Red Pencil

Gr. 4-6

After her tribal village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the friendship and encouragement of a wise elder.

Reich, Walter

HV6431.O74 1998 [Check availability](#)

Origins of Terrorism: Psychologies, Ideologies, Theologies, States of Mind

Offers a study of the beliefs, goals, and other factors that cause groups and individuals to resort to violence to gain their political objectives.

Sands, Philippe

KZ7180.S25 2016 [Check Availability](#)

East West Street

A personal detective story, an uncovering of secret pasts, and a book that explored the creation and development of world-changing legal concepts that came about as a result of the unprecedented atrocities of Hitler's Third Reich.

Skrypuch, Marsha

PZ7.S57 Arams 2006 [Check Availability](#)

Aram's Choice

Gr. 2-4

Aram, an orphaned Armenian boy, has been forced to leave his home in Turkey due to the genocide there, and while staying in exile in Greece he learns he has the opportunity to emigrate to the far away country of Canada.

Skrypuch, Marsha

PZ7.S6233 Call 2009 [Check Availability](#)

Call me Aram

Gr. 2-4

A group of refugee orphans escape the Armenian genocide in Turkey and are sent to a farm in Georgetown, Ontario, where they must adjust to the unfamiliar habits and customs of their Canadian sponsors.

Skrypuch, Marsha

PZ7.S62853 Dan 2015 [Check Availability](#)

Dance of the Banished

Gr. 8-10

A teenager leaves his fiancé behind in their Anatolian village to make a new life in Canada for both of them. But when World War I breaks out, he is sent to an internment camp while his betrothed struggles to survive and find a way to join him.

Skrypuch, Marsha

PS8587.K79 D38 2008 [Check Availability](#)

Daughter of War

Gr. 9 and up

Disguised as a Muslim in 1916 Turkey, Marta has escaped certain death. If she is discovered, she will be killed outright or forced to march into the desert to die, like so many Armenians before her. Separated from her sister and her betrothed, Marta can only wait and hope to find them again.

Skrypuch, Marsha

PZ7.S62853 Nob 2003 [Check Availability](#)

Nobody's Child

Gr. 7-10

Even though Mariam, her siblings, and their friend Kevork become orphans after the 1909 massacre of Armenians in Turkey's Adana Province, their sustaining hope, as six years later in 1915 they face "deportation," is to be reunited with the remaining members of their family.

Toumani, Meline

E184.A7 T68 2014 [Check Availability](#)

There Was and There Was Not

A young Armenian-American goes to Turkey in a "love thine enemy" experiment that becomes a transformative reflection on how we use-and abuse-our personal histories.

Williams, Mary

PZ7.W66699 Br 2005 [Check availability](#)

Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan

Gr. 4-8

Eight-year-old Garang, orphaned by a civil war in Sudan, finds the inner strength to help lead other boys as they trek thousands of miles seeking safety in Ethiopia, then Kenya, and finally in the United States.

- *Teacher Resource:* <https://www.leeandlow.com/images/pdfs/brothers.pdf>

Audiovisual Resources:

Armenian Genocide, The

Two Cats TV

DS195.5.A737 2006 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

This one hour documentary examines what happened and why, in what has been called one of the greatest untold stories of the 20th century.

Run time: 60 minutes

Darfur Diaries: Message from Home

Cinema Libre Studio

HV553.D37487 2006 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

This film is a brutally honest look of the tragedy befalling the Darfur Region.

Run Time: 55 minutes

Defying Genocide: Choices that Saved Lives

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

HV6322.7.D44 2006 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

The story of how Simone Weil Lipman was able to save thousands of Jewish children during the Holocaust is a starting point for an exploration of what it takes to defy genocide.

Run time: 19 minutes

Devil Came in on Horseback, The

Red Envelope Entertainment, Break Thru Films, and BBC

DT159.6.D27 D48 2007 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

This documentary dives into the Darfur, Sudan genocide from the perspective of an unarmed military observer with the African Union.

Run time: 85 minutes

Genocide

Moriah Films with the Simon Wiesenthal Center

D804.3.G46 2007 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

The heart-wrenching, yet often heroic story of the millions of men, women and children who fell victim to Hitler's Final Solution.

Run time: 83 minutes

Ghosts of Rwanda

PBS Video

DT450.435.G56 2004 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

Chronicles the Rwandan genocide of 1993, one of the worst atrocities of the 20th century.

Run time: 115 minutes

- *Teacher Resource:* <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/ghosts/>

Hotel Rwanda: A True Story

MGM Home Entertainment

PN1995.9.A43 H684 2005 [Check availability](#)

Rated: PG-13

A five-star-hotel manager in Rwanda risks his life when he opens his hotel to more than a thousand Tutsis refugees in order to protect them from death.

Run time: 122 minutes

- *Teacher Resource:* <http://www.filmeducation.org/pdf/film/HotelRwanda.pdf>

This 6-page pdf gives background about the film and Rwandan genocide, with many questions to spark discussion.

Human Rights

Schlessinger Media and CBS News Productions

JC571.H96 2004 [Check availability](#)

Rated: "Grades 9 & Up"

Program discusses the role of the United Nations and other organizations in maintaining the 1948

Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the importance of securing freedom and justice and peace for all mankind.

Run time: 23 minutes

Last Survivor: Four Tragedies, Four Journeys, One Purpose

Righteous Pictures

HV6322.7.L38 2011 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

The Last Survivor is a character-based, feature-length documentary that explores the idea of genocide in the 21st century.

Run time: 84 minutes or 56 minutes

- *Teacher Resource:* <http://www.bigpictureinstructional.com/TLSERGFINAL.pdf>
- *Teacher Resource:* The Last Survivor Educational Resource Guide

Lost Boys, The

CBS Broadcasting Inc.

E184.S77 L67 2013 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

The journey of two teenage South Sudanese boys, orphaned by their war torn country, who traveled to America looking for a safer environment. They must learn quickly about the unfamiliar complexities of contemporary American society.

Run time: 87 minutes

- *Teacher Resource:*
https://www.facinghistory.org/sites/default/files/publications/lost_childhoods.pdf

On our Watch

Frontline

DT159.6.D27 O5 2007 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

Frontline asks why the international community and the United Nations have once again failed to stop slaughter, this time in Darfur.

Run time: 60 Minutes

- *Teacher Resource:* <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/darfur/lesson.html>

Promise, The

Universal

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PG-13

Empires fall, love survives. When Michael, a brilliant medical student, meets Ana, their shared Armenian heritage sparks an attraction that explodes into a romantic rivalry between Michael and Ana's boyfriend

Chris, a famous American photojournalist dedicated to exposing political truth. As the Ottoman Empire crumbles into war torn chaos, their conflicting passions must be deferred while they join forces to get their people to safety and survive themselves.

Run time: 134 minutes

Witnessing Darfur

United States Holocaust memorial Museum

DT159.6.D27 W58 2005 [Check availability](#)

Not Rated

Includes two mini-Documentaries, the first, Darfur eyewitness: former United States Marine Brian Steidle describes what he saw while in Darfur with the African Union Monitoring Force. March 2005, 10 min. -- The second, Staring genocide in the face: Jerry Fowler, director of the Committee on Conscience, relates stories told by Darfurian refugees in Chad. May 2004, 7 min

Run time: 17 minutes

Articles & Websites:

Genocide Watch

<http://genocidewatch.net>

Offering blog style updates about violence in the world, this site acts as a portal for those investigating modern day genocide in areas like Cambodia, Kenya, Rwanda, the Sudan and most recently, Guinea. The "About Genocide" tab contains extensive information about the stages of Genocide, ways in which it is denied and how it affects world politics.

PBS

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/thismonth/genocide/index1.html>

This Website offers lesson plans designed for different age groups and to fulfill different curriculum content standards having to do with genocide. Holocaust lesson plans are included as well as those about other major genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and the Sudan. Each teacher guide identifies websites that support the goals of that particular lesson plan.

World is Witness

<http://blogs.ushmm.org/WorldIsWitness/>

This website is maintained by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and works to identify regions where genocide campaigns are occurring right now. Staff and guest contributors submit updates from the field, eyewitness testimony, photographs, interactive maps and more. Witness for yourself on this website and inside Google Earth.