

Student Handout

Reporting on Genocide

You and the students in your group are reporters and editors for a newspaper researching and reporting a series of feature stories on historic and modern genocide. You'll be doing a lot of your research online, but don't forget that you can utilize other forms of information as well, including books, and magazines. However, it's your job to determine how to best cover the story, and then work with your group to create a page for your newspaper, highlighting the following:

- A story telling your readers about the most horrific case of genocide in the past century—the Nazi Holocaust of the 1940s. Use online and print resources for maps, pictures, and information about this period.
- At least two instances of genocide occurring right now (or within the past few years), again using online and print resources for information.
- An editorial position on suggesting to the United States and the world community what they should do to ensure that future instances of genocide do not occur. Remember that an editorial is a *position statement* that your group wants to promote, but the position must be based on evidence and be a realistic solution.

As a group, you should go about this task in this manner:

- Assign members of your group to do the appropriate “reporting” (research on the web), and write the stories.
- Assign members to investigate and write an editorial as mentioned above. Remember, you are trying to convince others your view is right.
- Assign members of your group to find pictures that effectively highlight the story as well as maps that will let your readers know where instances of genocide have occurred or where genocide IS occurring at this time.
- Assign members (or the whole group) to edit copy, write headlines, and create the layout for the page.
- All work should be readable, but it should also be in your own words. If you use a source, be sure to “quote” that source.