

## Human Rights Fall of 2023 Summer Assignment

Congratulations on your acceptance as a member of the fall honors level Human Rights/Social Justice course for members of the Class of 2024.

The course instructors are looking forward to the opportunity to interact with you as we explore the complex and challenging issues human rights involve.

To help prepare you for the subject matter we will be investigating in class next fall, please complete the assignment below and submit it to the Human Rights Class Dropbox on Veracross before the first day of class.

The Dropbox will open Monday, August 21, 2023.

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### Assignment Directions:

- 1) Using the following link: <https://iwitness.usc.edu/educatorresources#resources> watch video, "What is Genocide?" scroll down page to IWitness Tips & Tutorials then across to "What is Genocide" video.
- 2) Using the following link: <https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/genocide.shtml> review Raphael Lemkin's definition of genocide that the United Nations adopted in 1948, so that you have an understanding of what the parameters of the term are.
- 3) Read the IWitness Foundation briefs (see attachment) on the following massacre/genocides:  
Nanjing Massacre  
Rwandan Genocide  
Armenian Genocide  
Cambodian Genocide  
Holocaust
- 4) Once you have read all 5 briefs, select one of the genocides or massacre and using the vetted site provided, research and read or view one survivor testimony from the massacre/genocide.
- 5) In a Word Document, respond to the following questions:
  - 1) Name of genocide/massacre
  - 2) When & where this atrocity occurred
  - 3) Who the Perpetrators & Victims were
  - 4) Number of deaths & any other atrocities associated with the genocide/massacre
  - 5) In paragraph format, briefly identify the survivor whose testimony you read/viewed and what this person experienced.
  - 6) In paragraph format, record your opinion regarding how this genocide/massacre violates the dignity and rights of humans & how your investigation has altered or grown your perspective of genocide.

**Be prepared to share what you have learned & your reaction to the information when class begins. This will count as your 1<sup>st</sup> Q1 HR grade.**