

Focus Questions:

BBC News – “Rwanda: How the Genocide Happened?”

- 1. What are the two main ethnic tribal groups of Rwanda? Majority? Minority?**
- 2. How are these two groups actually fairly similar?**
- 3. *** How did [Belgian Colonialism](#) cause and/or exacerbate existing problems between the two groups?**
- 4. What was the political situation in Rwanda upon independence in 1962?**
- 5. What precipitated the violence that began in April 1994?**
- 6. How was the attempted genocide carried out? Characteristics?**
- 7. When the killing stopped, what was the resulting political situation?**
- 8. What was outside/international reaction to the Rwandan crisis? Where there any attempts to intervene?**

CNN series “Scream Bloody Murder” – Examines horrific genocidal events of the 20th century from the angle that although there were people who realized at the time just how bad the specific events were and tried to get people to take notice (they, in effect were “screaming bloody murder”), outsiders (nations, international organizations, etc.) were reluctant, unable, or chose not to get involved.