

GENOCIDE 12

Credits: 4

From the Holocaust to Darfur, from Canada's First Peoples to the Killing Fields of Cambodia, from past events to current day happenings, human kind has turned against itself and practiced atrocities and mass destruction based primarily on ethnicity. This course will invite students to explore the why, how and now what behind some of history's most shocking events. This includes concepts such as the origins and development of the term "genocide"

- economic, political, social, and cultural conditions of genocide
- characteristics and stages of genocide
- acts of mass violence and atrocities in different global regions
- strategies used to commit genocide
- uses of technology in promoting and carrying out genocide
- recognition of and responses to genocides
- movements that deny the existence of or minimize the scope of genocides
- evidence used to demonstrate the scale and nature of genocides
- international law and enforcement.

While the stories told may be grim, we will strive to find understanding, empathy and ultimately hope through our learning.

Open to all grade 11 and 12 students.