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Rwanda
Rwanda’s People

- **Tutsi** - Cattle herders
- **Hutu** - Farmers
- **Twa** - Hunters and Potters
Then came farmers to clear the fertile fields. These were called the Hutus.

And then came the cattle breeders, seeking pasture for their herds. These were called the Tutsis.

These three peoples complemented each other with their different skills.

Since cattle dominated the economy, certain Tutsis became powerful chiefs.

The Germans had colonized the country first, before the Belgians.

King Leopold II has sent us to colonize you. We will protect you, educate you, civilize you and clothe you...

Chief! The Whites are back.

I know. I saw it in a dream.
King Musinga refused to accept Belgian colonization. But he didn’t have the last word. He had no guns. So the colonizers looked for something to divide the Rwandan people, who had lived together peacefully for over a thousand years. The Belgians split the Twas, Hutus and Tutsis into different ethnic groups. Those whose physical characteristics didn’t fit into any particular division were ranked according to the number of cattle they owned: people owning less were considered Hutu. Children born of the same parents suddenly found they belonged to different ‘races.’

These identity cards we’re giving you will state your race. Your children must keep to this classification.

In fact, some of these educated Hutus prepared the Revolution of 1959 under the leadership of Grégoire Kayibanda, with the help of Catholic bishop André Perraudin and the Belgian administration of the time.

Hutu members of the MDR* Parmehutu*! We must bring down the Tutsis and their monarchy!

We need the tools you promised us.

They’re on their way.

Colonization brought with it the Catholic Church and schools. The first Rwandans to benefit from education were largely Hutu.

And, soon after the arrival of the ‘tools’ - machetes - Tutsi blood began to flow throughout the country. The revolution of 1959 had begun.

*MDR: Mouvement Démocratique Républicain (Democratic Republican Movement)
*Parmehutu: Parti du Mouvement de l'Emancipation Hutu (Party for the Hutu Emancipation Movement)
It was the sound of a plane being hit...

6/04/1994

Oh my God! My father's plane has been shot down!

We'd better go to bed. I've noticed that, whenever a bomb explodes, it's we who get blamed for it the next day.

This time they'll say that I was caught in possession of an armoured vehicle!

The plane that was shot down was carrying President Habyarimana, a few of his relatives and President Ntaryamira Cyprien of neighbouring Burundi.

They were returning from a meeting in Tanzania. The plane crashed on Habyarimana's property and all aboard perished.

That same night...

I, Colonel Bagosora, have a terrible announcement to make. Tutsis have just assassinated our Head of State. I therefore ask that all Tutsis be killed without further delay!

Bagosora dispatched the presidential guard to give the order for the Tutsi genocide to begin, along with the massacre of Hutu opponents to Habyarimana's regime.

If those UNAMIR idiots get in the way, shoot them!
Canisius is a good Hutu. See how he came to warn us. The situation is very bad! Run to the CELA* before it's too late! I'll come after you.

Dad! I'll stay here with you!

Degroot, too, chose to remain with his father. Rose and Hyacinthe left with a neighbour...

Checkpoints, already?

Come on, Mom!

Aaaagh! I'm falling! Help!

It's okay--I've got you! I won't let my children fall into the hands of these criminals!
Hey! Comrades! They're making fools of us! Tutsis are slipping between our fingers!

Stop, you cockroaches who killed Habyarimana!

By sheer luck, the Interahamwe tripped over a tree trunk...

Aaaagh!

Oohhhh... these Tutsis are a headache!

RATATATATAT

Luckily, the CELA wasn't far...

Mom! I didn't think you'd be able to jump such a high fence!

Something I learned in 1959.

*CELA: the Centre d'éducation de langues africaines, a school run by Catholic missionaries the "White Fathers"
Joseph ran like the wind towards a nearby banana tree...

Don't let him escape! Get him!

He can't get far. There are other barricades.

This gutter I've fallen into has saved my life—for now!

The Interahamwe were unable to catch Joseph Bitega. Today he is one of the few survivors of the genocide.

Degroot Rwanga, Christophe Safari and many others fell beneath the bullets fired on the vehicle. Thanks to Albert's bravery, they were able to avoid a terrible fate: that of being hacked or budgeoned to death.

However, Rwanga, Wilson and others who weren't lucky enough to be killed instantly died horribly...

I thought you knew that a long time ago, imbecile!

For God's sake, we beg you, shoot us! Don't kill us with machetes!

That would be too good for you!

Wilson Rwanga and his father Charles were hacked to death by machetes, April 22, 1994.

Mother, mother! Your son Wilson is dying! Rest in peace!
In less than hundred days, 700,000+ Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed.
Effects of the Genocide

Gaçaça court

The survivors listen to the perpetrator. He confesses and asks for forgiveness.

95,000 children became orphans. Many lived in orphanages.
What now?

They need to **overcome** fear and terrible memories.

Like a tree, they show **resilience** in the storms of life.
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- survivor
- perpetrator
- orphanage

**Hutu**

- genocide
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- resilience
Exit Ticket:

- Describe what you understand about the Rwandan genocide in 1-2 sentences.

- Use at least 2 new vocabulary words.

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