

Teacher Information

References for Survivor Testimony

Title: We Survived Genocide in Rwanda

Author: Wendy Whitworth

Testimony 1: Page 26- Athanase Bugirimfura

Testimony 2: Page 24- Emmanuel Gasana

Testimony 3: page 74- Ernestine Mudahogora

Testimony 4: pg. 92- Speciose Mukamusoni

Testimony 5: pg. 232- Jean De Dieu Uwamungu

There are many other testimonies within this book that would be valuable for students to read. Choose texts with similar page lengths and preview content prior to reading.

Survivor Testimony Guiding Questions

Resiliency in the Face of Trauma

- ❖ What is the background story before the genocide of the survivor? Describe what his or her life was like pre-genocide and how their life changed after the genocide.
- ❖ Make personal connections to the individual's experiences or find a way to connect to the individual. Consider the word empathy- the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. How can you empathize with the survivor?
- ❖ Are there environmental, cultural, or economic factors that impacted this individual?
- ❖ How did trauma play into this individual's experience? Do you see an example of resiliency in their testimony? Explain.

