

## **Teachers' Notes**

*What happened between April – July 1994*

*Objectives*

*All pupils to understand that there was a terrible genocide in Rwanda in 1994*

*Most to recall several features of the genocide and to acknowledge that people in the western world were preoccupied with other events at the time Some to understand the above and to analyse why the western world did not pay much attention to events in Rwanda*

### **Starter:**

- Pupils note down three places that they get their news from.
- Pupils note down any current news stories that they can think of.
- In groups pupils decide which news stories are most important and why they think this
- Teacher gives out / shows on screen current news story about Darfur – asks pupils where that would go in their hierarchy of news.

### **Main:**

- Groups given information sheets (Resource 1) about news stories April-July 1994
- Groups decide which they would have thought were most important and why
- Groups collectively summarise events that they think are important on calendars (Resource 2) – highlight / circling the most important ones
- Groups given timeline of Rwandan genocide – fill in a selection of important events on calendars using a different colour to ‘world’ events

### **Plenary:**

- Teacher asks pupils what to summarise happened in the world in April-July 1994
- Teacher asks groups to discuss whether some news events are more ‘important’ than others. Who decides? How can they decide?

### **Extension:**

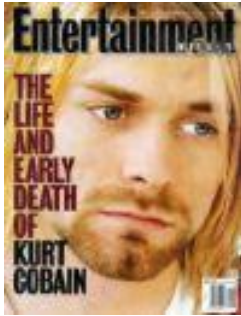
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**Resources:** Attached

### **Links**

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/7685248.stm> Recent news story on Darfur

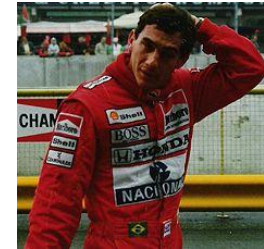
## What happened in the world between April and July 1994?



April 8<sup>th</sup> 1994 Kurt Cobain, lead singer of the group Nirvana is found dead. He had apparently committed suicide.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1994 Champion racing driver Ayrton Senna is killed in an accident whilst racing in the San Marino Grand Prix

May 6<sup>th</sup> The Channel Tunnel, which connects Britain and France under the English Channel, is opened



May 10<sup>th</sup> Nelson Mandela becomes the first black President of South Africa

June 17<sup>th</sup> 1994 American football legend and actor O.J. Simpson flees from police in his white Ford Bronco van. Simpson was a suspect in the brutal murder of his ex-wife. The low-speed chase was a huge media event with 95 million people watching the live TV broadcast and thousands lined the roads to watch it in Los Angeles. Simpson eventually surrendered to police.



June 17<sup>th</sup> 1994 The football World Cup begins in the USA. 3.6m people go to see the matches.

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1994 Members of the Aum Shinrikyo cult release a sarin gas attack at Matsumoto, Japan, killing 7 and injuring 660

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1994 Colombian footballer Andrés Escobar, 27, is shot dead in Medellín. His murder is commonly attributed as retaliation for the own goal Escobar scored in the 1994 FIFA World Cup against the United States.

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1994 Brazil wins the 1994 FIFA World Cup, defeating Italy by 3-2 in penalties (full time 0-0).



## What happened in Rwanda between April and July 1994?

**6 April 1994:** The President of Rwanda is killed when his plane is shot down as it is about to land at Kigali Airport. This is the signal to those in the army and others who hate the Tutsi group of people in Rwanda to begin killing.

**7 April:** The Rwandan armed forces and Interahamwe militia begin the killing of Tutsis. Soldiers from the United Nations were not allowed to stop the killing. 10 Belgian UN peacekeepers are killed.

**8 April:** A Tutsi army called the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) launches an attack from outside of Rwanda to try and end the killings and rescue 600 of its troops based in Kigali, the capital of Rwanda.

**9-10 April:** French, Belgian and American citizens who live in Rwanda are rescued by their governments.

**11 April:** The International Red Cross (IRC) estimates that tens of thousands have been slaughtered. UN soldiers protecting 2,000 Tutsis at a school are ordered to withdraw to Kigali airport. Most are killed after their departure.

**14 April:** Belgium withdraws its troops from the UN peacekeeping force in Rwanda.

**15 April:** Slaughter of thousands of Tutsis gathered at Nyarubuye Church seeking protection.

**21 April:** The UN cuts the level of its forces in Rwanda by 90% to just 270 troops. The Red Cross says that over 100,000 have been killed.

**30 April:** Tens of thousands of refugees flee into neighbouring Burundi, Tanzania and Zaire.

**Mid-May:** About 500,000 Rwandans have been killed says the Red Cross.

**17 May:** The United Nations decides to send more soldiers to try and stop the killing. However, the soldiers are delayed because countries argue over who will pay.

**4 July:** The RPF, the Tutsi army, takes control of Kigali the capital city of Rwanda.

**18 July:** The Tutsi army says that they now control most of Rwanda and have stopped the killing.

# April 1994

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