

Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission 2021 Student Contests in Poetry & Visual Arts Suggested Topics

Note: Students are free to choose a place/event that is not on this list.

Holocaust

- Over 30,000 Jewish men, women, and children are shot in mass graves at Babi Yar [Babyn Yar].
<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/kiev-and-babi-yar>
- Mala Zimetbaum is hanged in Auschwitz.
<https://jwa.org/encyclopedia/article/zimetbaum-mala>
- Anne Frank and the others hiding in the Secret Annex are arrested and deported. <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/anne-frank-biography>
- Pastor André Trocmé is arrested for rescuing Jewish children in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon and is deported.
<https://www.yadvashem.org/righteous/stories/trocme.html>
- Hannah Szenes [Senesh] parachute lands in Yugoslavia in an effort to rescue the Jews of Hungary, but is caught.
<https://jwa.org/encyclopedia/article/szenes-hannah>

Armenian Genocide

- Armenian leaders in Constantinople are arrested.
<https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/the-armenian-genocide-1915-16-in-depth>

Genocide in Cambodia

- Residents of Phnom Penh are suddenly ordered to evacuate and are marched to labor camps. <https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/countries/cambodia/case-study/violence/day-one>

Genocide in Rwanda / Burundi

- The capture of Kigali by the Rwandan Patriotic Front
<https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/countries/rwanda/case-study/violence/massacre-of-the-tutsi-minority>
- Teenaged Gilbert Tuhabonye and other Tutsis are attacked and set on fire by classmates and townspeople in the mountains of Burundi.
<https://www.tlu.edu/news/professional-athlete-gilbert-tuhabonye-shares-story-of-genocide-forgiveness>

Genocide in Bosnia

- Thousands of Bosniak men and boys are slaughtered at Srebrenica. <https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/countries/bosnia-herzegovina/srebrenica/violence/systematic-executions>

Ongoing Genocide in Darfur (Sudan / South Sudan)

- Civilians and international peacekeepers in Darfur's Otash and Kassab refugee camps are attacked and killed. <https://www.ibtimes.co.uk/armed-gang-attacks-refugee-camp-kill-one-373071>

Ongoing Genocide in the Middle East (Iraq / Syria)

- Yazidi men, women, and children flee to Mount Sinjar and are trapped. <https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/countries/iraq/case-study/flight/on-the-run>

