What is Genocide/Ethnocide?
A selected bibliography of materials in the University of Oregon Libraries
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While genocide is “the deliberate and systematic extermination of a national, racial, political, or cultural group,” ethnocide is defined as “intentional and systematic destruction of an ethnic culture.” The persecution that results from each varies widely, and the materials presented here are not meant to suggest that the different events are equivalent. These materials are meant to provoke questions and encourage further research in this interdisciplinary topic.

Background & Overviews

Location: [available online through the UO Library Catalog]
“The Encyclopedia spans the globe to explain the issues behind crimes against humanity and human rights issues as they relate to individual countries and the world at large. It traces the history of events that qualify as genocide and crimes against humanity, profiles perpetrators and heroes, and explains international laws and law proceedings aimed at ending genocide and crimes against humanity. It also delves into depictions and manifestations of the phenomenon, such as propaganda, sociological and philosophical explanations, literature and film” (from publisher’s description).

General Sources

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HV6322.7 .W35 2002
The author, a social psychologist, explores the internal and external factors that can lead ordinary people to commit extraordinary acts of evil.

For Most of It I Have No Words: Genocide, Landscape, Memory / photographs by Simon Norfolk ; essay by Michael Ignatieff. Stockport, England : Dewi Lewis, 1998
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HV6322.7 .N67 1998
Haunting photographs from sites of genocide around the world, including Rwanda, Cambodia, Vietnam, Auschwitz, Dresden, Ukraine, Armenia, and Namibia.

Location: LAW LIBRARY
Call #: K5302 .Q85 2006
“Explores the question of whether the law and genocide law in particular can prevent mass atrocities. It explains how genocide came to be accepted as a legal norm and also discusses individual suits against states for genocide” (publisher’s description)

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HV6322.7 .S654 2003
A collection of essays by leading international experts that offers a history and analysis of cases of genocide and genocidal acts, with a focus on the twentieth century. Includes analysis on the atrocities in the former Yugoslavia, Bali, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Rwanda, East Timor and Guatemala, and many more (from publisher’s description)

Genocide/Ethnocide: A Selected Bibliography, Feb. 2007
University of Oregon Libraries
http://libweb.uoregon.edu/reference
Rwanda


*Location:* KNIGHT  
*Call #:* DT450.435 .L96 2006  
*A collection of interviews and photographs of both perpetrators and victims from the Rwandan genocide, in which neighbors slaughtered neighbors using rudimentary weapons. An intimate and chilling book.*


*Location:* KNIGHT  
*Call #:* DT450.435 .S765 2006  
*A scholarly overview of the Rwandan genocide, including historical and political background, local dynamics, and interviews with perpetrators who explain why they acted as they did.*


*Location:* KNIGHT  
*Call #:* KTD419 .R34 2003  
*Documents the effects of the Rwanda genocide on that country’s children, both in the crimes committed against them and the long-term psychological impact on them.*

Cambodia

**After the Killing Fields: Lessons from the Cambodian Genocide** / by Craig Etcheson. Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2005

*Location:* KNIGHT  
*Call #:* DS554.8 .E73 2005  
*Provides a comprehensive overview of the Cambodia genocide and the Khmer Rouge regime, including the thirty years war, the methods of terror inflicted by the government, and documenting the aftermath and seeking justice.*


*Location:* KNIGHT  
*Call #:* DS554.83.P65 S53 2005  
*A biography of the unassuming young man who unexpectedly became the dictator of Cambodia and led the killing of 1.5 million of his people. The book provides rich historical and political context for understanding the rise and reign of Pol Pot.*

**Why Did They Kill?: Cambodia in the Shadow of Genocide** / by Alex Laban Hinton. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005

*Location:* KNIGHT  
*Call #:* DS554.8 .H56 2005  
*This book takes an anthropological approach to analyzing the origins of genocide. Using the Khmer Rouge regime as a focal point, the author explores why mass murder happens and what motivates people to participate in the killing.*

Armenia

**The Armenian Massacres in Ottoman Turkey: A Disputed Genocide** / by Guenter Lewy. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2005

*Location:* KNIGHT  
*Call #:* DS195.5 .L49 2005  
*Attempts to present an unbiased examination of historical evidence to present a detailed account of the Turkish persecution of Armenians in 1915.*
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: DS195.5 .D336 2003
A highly detailed yet accessible account of the Ottoman Turkish government’s attempt to deal with its Armenian minority population through deportation and mass murder. Full of primary sources.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: DS195.5 .A418 2006
The author examines the roots of the Turkish atrocities against minority Armenians in this well-researched, accessible book.

The Holocaust
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: D805.5.A96 R44 2005
A complete history of the notorious concentration camp as it evolved into a death camp where 10,000 people were killed in a single day. Includes personal interviews and anecdotes from survivors and former guards that create a vivid picture of day-to-day life.

Life in the Ghettos During the Holocaust / edited by Eric J. Sterling. Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 2005
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: D804.3 L535 2005
A collection of essays chronicling life in the Jewish ghettos of Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary, including self-governance, work, death, food, housing, uprisings, and the struggle for survival and cultural persistence under the Nazi regime.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: DD256.5 B3916 2002
A comprehensive history of the Holocaust, from its roots in anti-semitism in early 20th century Europe, to the rise of Adolf Hitler and his Nazi party and his vision of a Third Reich and a “superior race” that would conquer the world. Details Germany’s aggression in the war and its systematic destruction of European Jews and other groups.

American Indians
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: E78.C15 D48 1993
Primary source documents that detail the horrific treatment of California Indians as prospectors, land speculators, and settlers pored into the state after the Gold Rush.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: RA650.55.N67 B69 1999
Describes the impact of European contact with Northwest Coast Indians, whose vigorous, diverse people were decimated by diseases against which they were defenseless: smallpox, measles, malaria, and influenza.
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: E99.C5 E55 1989
Tells the history of the Cherokee Indians, how the U.S. government evicted them from their ancestral homelands in the East, and the brutal and deadly forced march to reservations in Oklahoma.

Former Yugoslavia
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: R1313.7.A85 S83 1998
Examines the events leading up to the July 1995 genocidal massacre that took place in Srebenica from the perspective of one family. The author, a former New York Times reporter, blends the family’s personal terror with historical and contemporary accounts for a broad context of what happened.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HV6569.B54 A45 1996
Details the systematic rape of Muslim and Croat women as part of the “ethnic cleansing” campaign in the former Yugoslavia, as well as the military policy of rape as a means of “canceling” victims’ cultural identity by impregnating them with little Serb soldiers.” Well-researched, shocking, and passionate.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: RC552.P67 W45 1999
The author explores the psychology of both perpetrators and victims, as well as the larger historical and cultural context, to further understanding of this complex tragedy.

Japanese-American Internment Camps
Location: Law Library
Call #: D769.8.A6A67 1984
Thirty personal stories from Japanese Americans who were forced to leave their homes on the West Coast and enter desolate “relocation” camps where they spent the duration of World War II.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: D769.8.A6 C57 2002
Documents in excellent detail the various detention centers and camps set up to confine Japanese Americans during World War II. Includes maps, diagrams, charts, and photographs.

Location: Law Library
Call #: D769.8.A6 K37 2003
Along with coverage of the concentration camps, this book reveals the U.S. government’s plans to round up the Japanese American population long before the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.
Location: Special Collections & University Archives Oregon Collection
Call #: D769.8.A6 E48 2002
Includes haunting and lovely photographs of the Manzanar Internment Camp in California by Ansel Adams, Clem Albers, Dorothea Lange, and Toyo Miyatake.

Elsewhere
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: GN666 .G45 2004
Tells the story of the colonial Australian government’s efforts to eradicate the aboriginal culture by forcibly removing tens of thousands of indigenous children from their families and placing them in state agencies.

Iraq's Crime of Genocide: The Anfal Campaign Against the Kurds / by Human Rights Watch/Middle East. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1995
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: DS70.8.K8 I37 1995
A well-researched document of the Iraqi government’s campaign to subjugate and eliminate the Kurdish population.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: KTQ2107.M56 S75 2004
Describes the ongoing events in Darfur, Sudan, and the government’s targeting of specific groups for terror, persecution, and murder.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: F1465.3.G6 M67 1987
An eyewitness account from a teacher that details one event in the genocide occurring in Guatemala from 1980-82. An accidental clash between the indigenous Maya villagers and the army leads to the execution of many villagers. Vivid, graphic, compelling.

VIDEOS/DVDs
Family Gathering
Location: KNIGHT VIDEO COLLECTION
Call #: VIDEOTAPE 01621
This presentation portrays the treatment of Japanese-American citizens during WWII, especially their removal from their homes to internment camps

Genocide
Location: KNIGHT VIDEO COLLECTION
Call #: VIDEOTAPE 03558
Examines the plans of the Nazis, under the direction of Heinrich Himmler, to realize the dream of recreating the ancient “Aryan” race within the German people, necessitating the extermination of “inferior” races such as the Jews. Uses documentary footage, photographs and reminiscences of individuals involved

Hotel Rwanda
Location: KNIGHT VIDEO COLLECTION
Call #: VIDEO DVD 01274
Based on the true story of Paul Rusesabagina, a five-star-hotel manager who uses his wits and persuasion in striving to save more than 1,200 Tutsis and Hutus from being massacred by the Interahamwe militia during the 1994 Rwandan conflict.

Rabbit-Proof Fence
Location: KNIGHT RESERVES
Call #: VIDEO DVD 00526
In 1931, Molly and her younger cousins, Gracie and Daisy, were three half-caste children from Western Australia who were taken from their parents under government edict and sent to an institution, were taught to forget their families, their culture, and re-invent themselves as members of "white" Australian society. The three girls begin an epic journey back to Western Australia, travelling 1,500 miles on foot with no food or water, and navigating by following the fence that has been built across the nation to stem an over-population of rabbits.

Commemoration
International Shoah Art Museum & Holocaust/Genocide Education Through Art
Presents "Under the Wings of G-D," a series of drawings about the Holocaust by Seattle artist Akiva Kenneth Segan. His ink drawings, inspired by Warsaw Ghetto photographs, include winged figures. The online gallery features the drawings, some of the historic photographs that inspired them, and the artist's detailed explanations of the works. The site includes other work by Segan, information about his classes, and links.
http://www.dlux.net/~holocaustart/

The Legacy Project
"Numerous artworks from around the world, addressing the absence and losses experienced by societies as a result of past tragedies, including war, genocide, ethnic conflict, and population displacement" document 20th-century traumas such as apartheid, Khmer Rouge activities in Cambodia, the Holocaust, the Vietnam War, and slavery.
http://www.legacy-project.org/