

Formative Assessment Report
 UNST 216. H01: Genocide in the Modern World
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UNST Course Goals:

- Broad based critical thinking skills
- Appreciation for diversity
- Oral communication skills (not listed, but accomplished)

Student exams and course assignments were all based on developing and deepening critical thinking skill; however, question #21 of the fall 2008 student evaluations asks students to rate the statement:

Q21: The instructor promoted the development of thinking skills in the course. The mean of the student ratings were 4.9/5.0 (while other UNST course means were 4.3/5.0 and for the university 4.2/5.0).

The pre and posttest was a 50-question instrument that included questions on religious, ethnic, socially constructed race, gender, and class from all over the world. Overall, the scores on the test went from 34.75% to 69.57% (the data and tests are included).

Students energetically participated in class and presented their research to the class. Some evidence of this can be seen in questions Q15 and Q22 on the student course evaluations:

Q15: The instructor encouraged students to ask questions during class—4.9/5.0

Q22: The instructor promoted the development of communication skills in the course—4.9/5.0

	Pretest: % Correct	Posttest: % Correct
_____ is a form of riot directed against a particular group, whether ethnic, religious or other, and characterized by destruction of their homes, businesses and religious centers.	25	71.4
The Armenian Genocide occurred in	25	92.9
The Khmer Rouge were from	18.8	71.4
The word “genocide” was originally coined by	6.3	100
Genocide has been a problem since	62.5	71.4
Stalin’s Russia and Hitler’s Germany are often considered the two best examples of _____, where the government controls even the minds of its people.	81.3	78.6
The leaders of those who engineered the Cambodian Genocide were, rather ironically, educators seeking to build a(n) _____ society	25	42.9
The main groups involved in the genocide in Bosnia were differentiated by	12.5	35.7

It is the _____ that make(s) most 20 th century cases of genocide different than those that came before	18.8	92.9
Bosnia is a part of what was formerly _____	31.3	42.9
The murderers in the Cambodian Genocide were largely made up of ____	0	42.9
True/False: There are many definitions presently for the word “genocide.”	62.5	92.9
The survivors of genocide	5.	92.9
True/False: When Genocide occurred in ancient times it was usually based upon tribal conflicts.	12.5	14.3
The Armenian Genocide (1915) was the first genocide of the twentieth century	37.5	78.6
Nationalism occurs when a group identifies with a	87.5	78.6
In the Armenian Genocide, _____ were generally targeted to be killed first	12.5	85.7
In 1948, the UN stated that to attempt to destroy a group defined by race, nationality, religion, or ethnicity “ _____ ” was against international law	75	100
Which groups were bystanders to the Armenian Genocide?	25	92.9
The definition of _____ means that these people knew about what was going on but they did not act.	75	78.6
The definition of a _____ means that these were the people who suffered at the hands of others.	81.3	92.9
The definition of a _____ means that these were the ones who kill, torture, or “cleanse”	81.3	92.9
What defines twentieth century style genocide?	25	92.9
It is the first genocide of the twentieth century	12.5	71.4
Race, nation, ethnicity, gender, class, and religion are all ways to _____ people	93.8	92.9
_____ is about mentally assigning specific physical traits to particular groups	62.5	71.4
It is the word that means the German people	0	50
The first genocides probably did NOT occur in the first centuries of civilization where they farmed to provide food for subsistence because:	25	71.4
What did the Bolsheviks believe that they were bringing to the world	0	71.4
Prior to the Great Depression in Germany, the Nazis <u>never</u> exceeded ____% of the vote in any national election	6.3	42.9
In the first election after the Great Depression hit Germany (leaving the country with approximately 40% unemployment), the Nazis received _____% of the vote	6.3	21.4
In April of 1933, the German Civil Service Decree removed non-Aryans from	25	64.3
In 1935, the _____ took effect leaving all German non-Aryans without a country	43.8	92.9
In the _____ of 1938, Nazi Germany annexed neighboring Austria and brought approximately 220,000 more Jews under Nazi racial law	6.3	57.1
During a week in November of 1938 (in Germany), a nationwide pogrom against Jewish people, businesses, and synagogues is known as _____ -- or the Night of Broken Glass	56.3	85.7
When planning to perpetrate genocide it is important to create an image of the victims that makes the killers believe that the people they are killing are _____.	68.8	85.7

In the Armenian Genocide, the Armenians were drove out of their homeland, killed, and etc. by what nationalist regime?	25	85.7
It was quickly discovered that troops who had to shoot and kill non-combatant women and children became so distressed mentally that they exhibited signs of mental illness and battle fatigue. Because of this, German authorities decided that they should gas Jews in much the same manner as they had already been doing to people that they called	6.3	85.7
The Nazi utopia was based upon their view of:	56.3	64.3
Historians who believe that it was always the Nazis purpose to kill the Jews are known as:	12.5	71.4
Children of Holocaust survivors suffer?	87.5	78.6
Besides the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust there were Sinti and Roma (Gypsies), communists, Catholics, Rhineland Bastards, Jehovah's Witnesses, Homosexuals, Poles, Slavs, and others making up a total of _____ million.	6.3	64.3
According to Elie Wiesel, the final stage of genocide is _____.	0	85.7
Contributing factors for the lack of response made by the U.S. during the Holocaust where:	56.3	64.3
All of the following are reasons that Oral History is not a reliable source except which one?	18.8	42.9
How might China's One Child Policy qualify as genocide?	56.3	71.4
In genocides what are three ways that a victim can be harmed mentally or physically--	50	50
How was the ideology of Kim IL Sung allowed to be implemented?	6.3	28.6
Between 1939 and 1945, over 130,000 female prisoners passed through the Ravensbruck camp system, out of that number how many survived?	6.3	14.3
How long did the Rwanda Genocide Last?	12.5	57.1