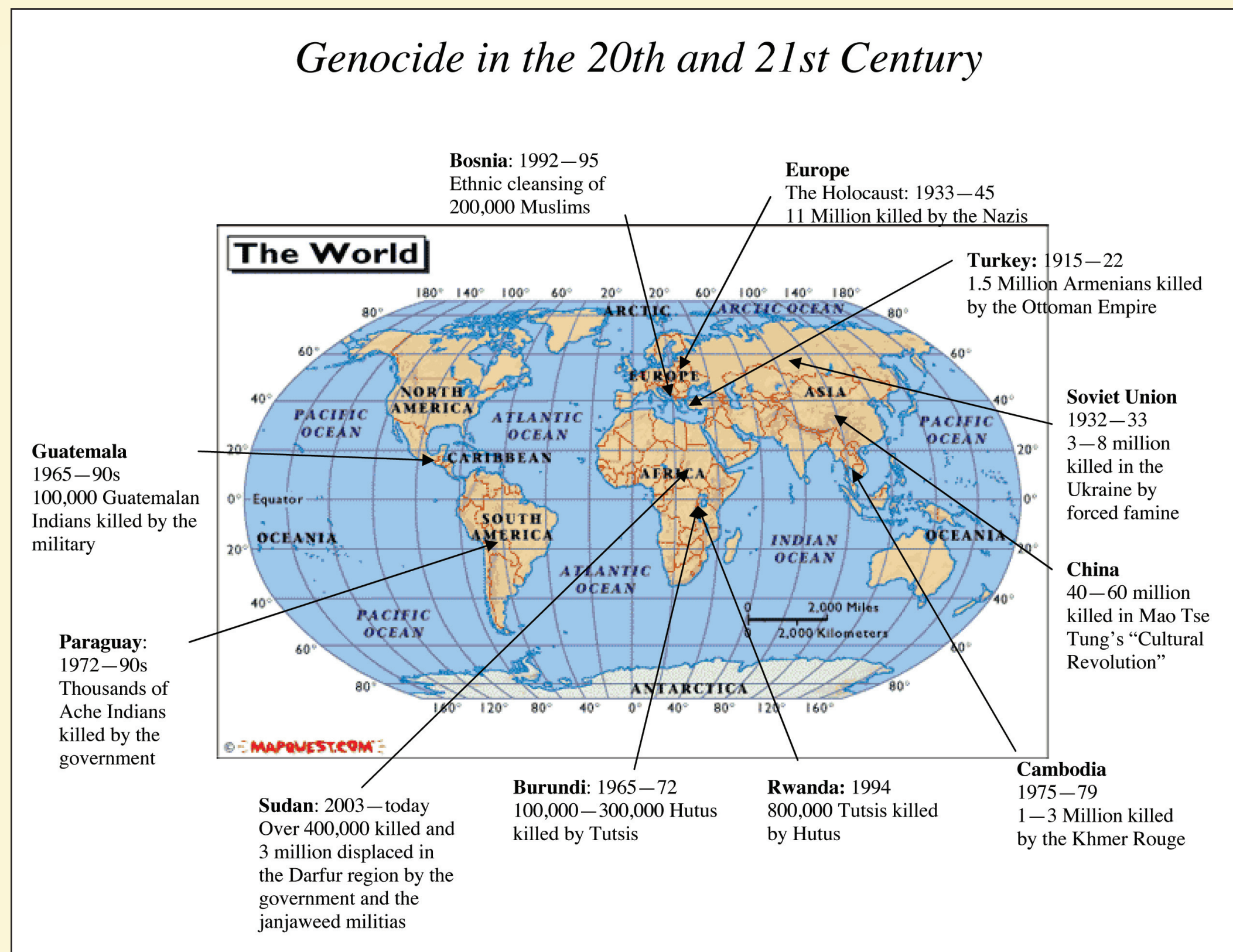


The Age Of Genocide

Genocide in the 20th & 21st Centuries



The Legacy of the Holocaust

- Creation of the word Genocide
 - Coined by Raphael Lemkin in 1944
 - Comes from the Greek *geno-*, meaning race, and the Latin *-cide*, meaning to kill
 - Meant to describe the Nazi policies of systematic murder
- Actions of the United Nations
 - December 10, 1948: Universal Declaration of Human Rights
 - December 11, 1948: UN Convention on Genocide

The 21st Century

In the early years of the 21st century, genocide began in Darfur, Sudan. In February 2003, the Sudanese government, in cooperation with the janjaweed militias, responded to an uprising in Darfur by attacking the rebels. The attacks soon spread to entire villages of innocent people. In a systematic campaign, men are killed, women are raped, food and water resources are destroyed and villages are burned to the ground. Since the violence began, over 3 million people have been displaced and more than 400,000 have lost their lives due to starvation, disease, exposure to the elements and outright murder.



What should our response be in this Age of Genocide?

“If God lets me live...I will make my voice heard. I will work in the world and for mankind.”

Anne Frank
April 1944

What can you do today to make your voice heard? What can you do to make a difference for just one person, in your school, in your community, in the world?

