**Government**

**Genocide Project**

**The term "genocide" did not exist before 1944. It is a very specific term, referring to violent crimes committed against groups with the intent to destroy the existence of the group. Human rights, as laid out in the US Bill of Rights or the 1948 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, concern the rights of individuals.**

**In 1944, a Polish-Jewish lawyer named** [**Raphael Lemkin**](http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10007050) **(1900-1959) sought to describe Nazi policies of systematic murder, including the destruction of the European Jews. He formed the word "genocide" by combining *geno*-, from the Greek word for race or tribe, with -*cide*, derived from the Latin word for killing. In proposing this new term, Lemkin had in mind "a coordinated plan of different actions aiming at the destruction of essential foundations of the life of national groups, with the aim of annihilating the groups themselves." The next year, the** [**International Military Tribunal**](http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10007069) **held at Nuremberg, Germany,** [**charged top Nazis**](http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10007070) **with "crimes against humanity." The word “genocide” was included in the indictment, but as a descriptive, not legal, term.**

**Directions:**

**1)Look at the list of various genocides that we will be analyzing throughout this activity.**

**2)Read the 10 stages of Genocides handout.**

**3)Your assignment:**

**a)All material must be presented in the form of a Prezi, Popplet, or Power Point**

**b)In your presentation you must include:**

**1)A timeline of the significant events of the Genocide (10 points)**

**2)A presentation that traces the history of your topic by describing the Ten Stages of Genocide (80 points)**

**3)A Public Service Commercial of at least one minute making people aware of the Genocide you researched. (40 Points)**

**4)A Symbolic Emblem that you will create symbolizing the Genocide that you have researched. (20 points)**