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*An Ordinary Man* by Paul Rusesabagina

Study Guide \*Please write answers on a separate sheets that you staple to this guide.

**Introduction:**

1. In whose point of view is the story told?
2. What is his occupation?
3. When was the genocide?
4. How many people were killed?
5. How many days did the genocide last?
6. How many refugees were beaten or killed in Paul’s hotel?
7. How many were saved in Paul’s hotel?
8. Who was the ruling class in Rwanda?
9. Describe this class: What class were traditionally farmers?
10. Describe this class:
11. What class is Paul?
12. What class is Paul’s wife?
13. What two events started the mass genocide:
14. What kind of genocide was this?
15. How many hours’ worth of people did the hotel save?
16. Name four way/methods Paul used to stay alive and help others stay alive:

18. What derogatory name was given to the Tutsis?

19. What was the name of the hotel Paul managed?

20. Paul tells the story of his neighbor, Paul. What is the name of this literary device to show how traumatic this genocide was?

21. What was the main method of murder in this genocide?

22. Who does Paul believe was a major cause of the violence?

23. Name four “failures” that led to this racial hatred:

24. What is the one thing Paul believes saved the refugees in the hotel?

25. Paul says he was, “thrust into a sea of fire.” What literary device is used?

**Chapter 1:**

1. What was the landscape like where Paul was born?

2. What language did Paul speak?

3. How is the hilly land used?

4. Paul says his father loved to talk in proverbs. Define or give an example of an African proverb. *Example:* [*He who is carried on another's back does not appreciate how far off the town is.*](http://www.quotationspage.com/quote/36394.html)

5. Explain *igihango*:

6. Why is banana beer important to friendship and reducing hatred?

7. What is the “drink of reconciliation?”

8. What is the most important holiday of the year?

9. Who was an elder and his word carried a great deal of weight?

10. What is a quality of Rwandans that Paul expected everyone else to follow?

Chapter Two:

1. What was happening when Paul’s family housed some Tutsis when he was five?
2. What famous story does this one resemble from the Holocaust?
3. What did George Orwell say that is meaningful?
4. What is Rwanda equivalent to in size?
5. If you were a part of the “inner circle” in Rwanda, what did you know?
6. When did Rwandan monarchy finally end?
7. What British explorer launched the Tutsi and Hutu divided people Bible theories?
8. What was the “glue” of Rwandan hierarchy called?
9. How is ethnicity passed in Rwandan society?
10. Who was expelled from school because his mother was Hutu and his father was Tutsi, thus making him a “despicable” Tutsi?
11. Who won Rwanda after the Germans lost in World War I?
12. What did Belgium scientist go to Rwanda with that escalated Tutsi supremacy over Hutus in race theory?
13. Explain what the above may be compared to during the Holocaust.
14. When did Rwanda’s apartheid system fall part after WWII?
15. Who played a key role in the Hutu class becoming the ruling power?
16. Who won 90 percent of the government seats in the free election after the kings had died and violence broke out?
17. In 1963, where were most Tutsi massacres taken place?

**Chapter Three:**

1. What place in Rwanda costs about the same to stay at as a Rwandan farmer’s annual income?
2. What languages does the staff speak?
3. How many guest rooms are there?
4. Where does most business take place?
5. What skill was Paul adept at even at a young age?
6. When was Paul baptized Christian?
7. Why is Paul’s last name different than his father? What do his names mean?
8. What was the Rwandan custom for Paul to give to Ester’s father upon their marriage?
9. What did Paul originally study to be?
10. How did Paul land a job at the hotel in the capital of Kigali?
11. What did Paul discover most people want?
12. What did Paul need that he learned in a counterlesson on negotiation?
13. What two things did Paul learn from his studies to be a preacher that helped him as a hotel manager?
14. Who did Paul fall in love with at a wedding prior prior to his divorce?
15. How many children did Paul have with Ester? How many children with Tatiana?
16. What insult equivalent to “Uncle Tom” was Paul called behind his back while working and smoozing with big shots at the hotel?
17. Of what had Paul become the first black manager?

**Chapter Four**

1. What format did the new radio station, RTLM, use that gave a voice to people?
2. What did the radio station do, called propaganda, that became extreme and dangerous to citizens?
3. Who was Jeanne?
4. What act of defiance did Paul do that got him in trouble?
5. What did the President’s men do to Paul?
6. What day of the week was every Rwandan supposed to spend working for the government?
7. What other president was President Habyarimana friends with that helped him stay in power?
8. Because of this power-friendship, what language became the official language taught in Rwandan schools?
9. Finish this Hutu Power hate speech chant, “Know that the person whose throat you do not cut will be the one who\_\_\_\_\_”
10. A major conflict of interest, who actually owned or financed the hate-radio station:
11. What prediction did Kangura newspaper make? What country supplied the machetes for the massacre?
12. What did Paul argue to his wife that he would fight with instead of firearms?
13. While the killings are increasing in Rwanda in March 1994, where was Paul that gave him hope?
14. What kind of irony is this?

**Chapter Five:**

1. What happened April 6, 1994?
2. Who did Paul shake hands with not knowing it would be the last time he would ever see him?
3. How many UN peacekeeping soldiers were in Rwanda? 2700
4. Who was the United Nations chief of peacekeeping that did not take the warnings seriously?
5. What weak advice did the UN give Paul when he asked for a police escort?
6. Who was shot in the head on her front lawn?
7. What were roadblocks now made of during the massacre in Kigali?
8. Who did not talk for days after seeing a neighbor-playmate slaughtered by machetes?
9. What did Paul do like his father had year’s earlier?
10. What could the captain not do as he told Paul he had come to kill him?
11. How many Rwandan francs did Paul pay off to the captain and his soldiers in order to stay alive?

**Chapter Six:**

1. What was a favorite hiding place for civilians?
2. What did the UN and United States decide their top priority was instead of stopping the genocidal killings?
3. How many Rwandans were immediately massacred as the last UN jeep pulled out of Kigali?
4. What two commanders helped Paul secure officers and other favors that helped keep the refugees in the hotel alive? Who challenged Paul’s authority as the hotel manager and would not hand over the keys?
5. What are two reasons Paul believes that the Hotel Mille Collines was left alone the first days of the massacre?
6. Who does Paul call “worse than useless” in helping stop this genocide?
7. What took place by the priest at the hotel in those crazy days living in the hotel with many, many refugees?
8. What did the hotel not have? How did the refugees figure out how to flush the toilet?

**Chapter Seven:**

1. When did the hotel lose its phone service?
2. What did Paul secretly have that could help communicate the need for help?
3. What five organizations did Paul contact late at night each night?
4. Did the United States reply to Paul?
5. What did the famed journalist Thomas Kamilindi do that could help the refugees or put them in more danger?
6. How did Paul stop the colonel from killing Thomas at the hotel?
7. Explain the Abraham Lincoln comparison Paul makes to himself and what he has to do to keep the people at the hotel alive.
8. Whose eyes were completely empty after hiding while her husband and children were hacked to death?
9. What did Paul metaphorically call the UN soldiers?
10. What did Paul note was a good thing Rwandans did not have during the genocide, so refugees could slip through checkpoints?
11. Why did Father Wenceslas hide at the hotel with a gun instead of helping refugees?
12. How many guests was the Mille Collines Hotel designed to hold? How many were hiding in it?

**Chapter Eight**

1. What special place did Paul like to go to at the hotel?
2. Where were over 10,000 refugees at that was filthy?
3. By what date did the United States have reporters who knew what was going on and showed footage of mass bodies in the rivers?
4. What important question was Christine Shelley from the US State Department asked that she could not give a straight answer to?
5. What had happened to the US prior to the Rwandan genocide that made the Clinton Adminstration not take action?
6. Why would the US not cut off the RTLM radio waves?
7. How long did Lieutenant Mageza give Paul to evacuate the hotel?
8. What did Paul do with that time?
9. What did Paul bluff and get from Colonel Bagosora?

**Chapter Nine:**

1. What did General Augustin Bizimungu reveal to Paul?
2. What had happened to the list of people who could leave because they had letters from friends or family in another country?
3. Who broadcast the names of Paul’s family: Tatiana, Tresor, Roger, Lys, and Diane while they were leaving?
4. What did Roger’s classmate who called him a “cockroach” demand from him?
5. At 10:00 p.m. on the evening Paul was told they would be raided, what happened?
6. What was the *pacte de sang* that the four families took?
7. Who did Paul finally lose his cool with?
8. Where was Paul’s family hiding in the hotel?
9. Who could have killed them all but did not, and has been brought with charges in a war tribunal?
10. How many days had Paul spent at the hotel trying to save the refugees?

**Chapter Ten:**

1. What Rwandan town were the refugees, including Paul, taken to?
2. At the refugee camp, who did Paul find?
3. What did Paul call the large group of refugees moving to Tanzania and the Congo?
4. How did the United States finally help?
5. On July 15th, what happened?
6. Where did Paul’s family go?
7. Who from Tatiana’s family had been slaughtered?
8. What profession did Tatiana take on after the genocide?
9. What was Paul accused of stealing that was bizarre?
10. What did Paul and his family fly to Belgium and applied to get?
11. How old was Paul when he started life anew in Belgium?
12. What business did Paul start in Belgium?
13. How many post-genocide immigrants now live in Belgium?
14. Name one successful post-genocide story of Paul’s friends. (pgs. 184-185)
15. Who offered an apology in 1998 for America’s failure to intervene?
16. What person from New York wanted to take Paul’s story to the movie screen?
17. Who saw the movie *Hotel Rwanda* twice?

**Chapter Eleven:**

1. What is now an official memorial to the genocide where thousands of Tutsis were murdered?
2. What are in the burlap bags at this memorial?
3. What pledge is at the memorial in four languages?
4. Name four other modern-genocides Paul speaks of other than Hitler’s Final Solution.
5. What do all genocides rely on?
6. What frightens Paul the most?
7. (At the time the book was published) Who is the president of Rwanda?
8. Who seems to have most of the power in Rwandan government?
9. Paul recounts heroes from the genocide. Explain what Damas Gisimbi did that was heroic.
10. What did existentialist Albert Camus (*The Stranger)* say about humans?
11. Does Paul believe good can triumph over evil?
12. Who does Paul hope will say a quiet no and open the room upstairs (metaphorically speaking)?