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10 THINGS YOU CAN DO DURING GENOCIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

1. Practice being an upstander: Sociologists report that people who rescued during the Holocaust often reported that altruistic actions were normal to their everyday lives. Build this habit into your life by doing something kind for someone else during the month. An act of kindness each day would be an honorable goal!
2. Research online what genocide resources are needed your school library and organize a fundraiser to help purchase them for your library. [Click here for Fundraiser Toolkit.](#)
3. Attend one of [#TogetherWeRemember](#) virtual events to commemorate the victims of current and past genocides. In honor of Genocide Awareness & Prevention Month, museums, schools, and communities across America invite students to attend their virtual events FREE! Join the #Together We Remember Coalition as we transform remembrance into action to fight hate!
<https://togetherweremember.org/events>
4. Learn more about historical cases of genocide and other atrocities, places where mass atrocities are currently underway or populations are under threat, and areas where early warning signs call for concern: <https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/countries>
5. Learn more about the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevent Act <https://www.fcni.org/documents/351>, legislation that directs the Department of State to provide additional training for Foreign Service Officers assigned to a country experiencing or at risk of mass atrocities, as well as require the President to report annually to Congress on U.S. efforts to prevent mass atrocities.
6. Visit [Genocide Watch's](#) website to learn about Dr. Gregory Stanton's framework for examining genocide, the "10 Stages of Genocide", and the recommended preventative steps you can take to stop genocide early.
7. Learn more about the [Responsibility to Protect \(R2P\)](#), a doctrine that informs much of genocide prevention today.
8. Contact your local elected official to talk about the need to provide humanitarian assistance, protect civilians, stop violence, and find solutions to the genocides and atrocities occurring today. advocate for prevention of current genocides or related crimes against humanity. [Click here for tips to contacting local officials.](#)



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9. Spread the word about what you have learned with organizations you belong to. Create a google slide presentation for your class on what you learned about genocide prevention and what you can do to help raise awareness.
10. Support the work of the [Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center](#) and [#Together We Remember Coalition](#) to help combat hatred, prejudice, and indifference locally, nationally, and globally.