

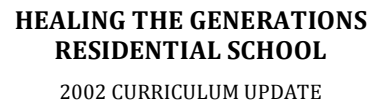


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**GENOCIDE BY PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN DEC. 1948 IS DEFINED AS:**

<http://www.nemasys.com/ghostwolf/Native/genocide.shtml>



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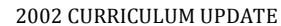
## DEAD INDIANS, LIVE INDIANS, AND GENOCIDE

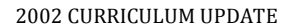
*Under Lemkin's definition genocide was the coordinated and planned annihilation of a national, religious, or racial group by a variety of actions aimed at undermining the foundations essential to the survival of the group as a group. Lemkin conceived of a genocide as 'a composite of different acts of persecution or destruction.' His definition included attack on political and social institutions, culture, language, national feelings, religion, and the economic existence of the group. Even nonlethal acts that undermined the liberty, dignity, and personal security of members of a group constituted genocide if they contributed to weakening the vitality of the group. Under Lemkin's definition, acts of ethnocide-a term coined by the French after the war to cover the destruction of a culture without the killing of its bearers-also qualified as genocide.*

American Holocaust, pp. 279. United Nations General Assembly resolution, 1946:

*Genocide in the denial of the right of existence to entire human groups, as homicide is the denial of the right of existence shocks the conscience of mankind, results in great losses to humanity in the form of cultural and other contributions represented by these groups, and is contrary to moral law and to the spirit and aims of the United Nations. Many instances of such crimes of genocide is a matter of international concern. The General Assembly Therefore, Affirms that genocide is a crime under international law which the civilized world condemns, and for commission of which principals and accomplices—whether private individuals, public officials or statesmen, and whether the crime is committed on religious, racial, political or any other grounds—are punishable.*

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## READING

### *GENOCIDE OF THE MIND continued...*

I know that genocide reminds the most perverse human act. It eradicates entire peoples. It annihilates whole cultures. It rips beauty, wisdom, and understanding from the world and robs a people of its identity.

Thus, when it comes to the act of genocide, I also know there can be no alternative to finding ways to fight for life. As long as there are those among us who believe in the old ways of seeing and being, there can be no surrender to genocide. Ever!" (*Moore & Horn, p. 73-75, 2003*)

Source: Moore, Marijo & Horn, Gabriel. 2003. Genocide of the Mind. Thunder's Mouth Press/Nation Books An Imprint of Avalon Publishing Group, Inc. NY: New York



