

Historical Atrocities Unit Pre-assessment

Student Name:

Instructions: Please respond to the following questions. Try to use precise language and detail in your response.

1. In a few sentences, what do you know about the following events that have occurred throughout history?
 - a. Irish Potato Famine

 - b. Native American Assimilation

 - c. Institutionalization of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

 - d. Eugenics Movement

2. Please list some of the factors that enable governments or other organized groups of people to systematically oppress (*the “Untouchables” from the lowest Caste in India*), commit violence against (*slaves in Colonial America*), or systematically kill (*Jews in the Holocaust*) large numbers of people.

3. How might you define a historical atrocity? Give some examples of those you know about that happened on a mass or large scale (*i.e. Holocaust, American Slavery, Rwandan Genocide, Irish Potato Famine, etc.*).

