Violations of Human Rights

Many historians agree that human rights violations are a constant theme of the 20th century. From 1900-1999 millions of people have died at the hands of leaders who were determined to ethnically cleanse a region or a country, and because of that human rights is also a reoccurring them of the 20th century.

Violations	Years	Leaders	Reason for atrocity	Outcome
1. Armenian Massacre	1915-1917	Ismail Enver Pasha	The Turkish Muslims wanted the Armenian Christians out of the Ottoman Empire because they would keep the Ottoman Empire broken up, it would never be a Muslim Empire.	The Ottoman Turks killed over 1.5 million Christians; the Turks still deny it ever happened
2. Holocaust	1939-1945	Adolf Hitler, Adolf Eichmann, Heinrich Himmler	Hitler wanted the Jews removed from Europe. The Final Solution was the mass extermination of the Jews	By 1945 over 6 million Jews were killed by harsh tactics. The Nazi's responsible for this atrocity were punished at the Nuremberg Trials.
3. Khmer Rouge	1975-1979	Pol Pot	The Khmer Rouge overthrew the existing government in Cambodia, the Khmer wanted to turn Cambodia into a classless society based on communism.	Government existed until the early 90's. The overall death toll reached about 1.7 million.
4. Kosovo	Late 1990's	Slobodan Milosevic	Slobodan started ethnically cleansing Muslims in Kosovo, and then turned on Albanians for rising up against him. He killed thousands of people.	The U.S finally got them to stop and Slobodan was charged with war crimes for the mass killings. The Balkans are still in conflict today.
5. Rwanda	1994	Hutu Tribe	Hutu seized power and reversed roles with Tutsi. Hutu began mass exterminations of Tutsi people.	The killings end when Tutsi rebels invade from neighboring countries and Defeat the Hutu. Actions finally condemned in 2005.