

Sophie's Story of Survival: Questions

As you watch the clips of our interview with Sophie answer the questions below.

What was your life like before the genocide?

1. How many brothers and sisters did Sophie have?
2. What was Sophie's main job in the family?
3. What religion was Sophie and her family?
4. What was Sophie's main hobby?
5. What was the naughtiest thing that Sophie did without permission from her dad?

What was the relationship between Hutu and Tutsi like before the Genocide?

1. When Sophie was young did she have good friends that were Hutu?
2. Did young people in Rwanda know about the problems between Hutu and Tutsi?
3. What does Sophie think was the reason why Hutu people turned against their Tutsi neighbours?

Was there persecution and discrimination before the Genocide?

1. When did discrimination against Tutsi people start?
2. What were young Tutsi people not allowed to do?
3. When did persecution start?
4. Who were the 'RPF'?
5. What did the RPF want to do?
6. What started to happen secretly in Rwanda?
7. What happened to Tutsi boys?

Were there signs that the Genocide would happen?

1. What happened in 1990?
2. Who did the government train from 1990?
3. What was the result of the training?
4. What was the purpose of the pits that the government dug near to Tutsi homes?

How did Sophie survive?

1. When did the genocide start?
2. What was the spark for the genocide?
3. What happened to the houses of Sophie's neighbours the night the genocide started?
4. What did the radio announcements say at the start of the genocide?
5. Did the killing start straight away?
6. What did Sophie's dad tell his family at the start of the genocide?
7. Where did Sophie hide in the first days of the genocide?
8. How did the killers deal with Sophie's family at the start of the genocide?
9. What happened on 11th April at 11am?
10. How did Sophie escape when she was taken to a pit to be killed?
11. How old was Sophie when the genocide happened?
12. What did the killers say in the message that they sent to Sophie and her family?
13. What did Sophie's mum do when the killers were coming?

14. How many people came to kill Sophie and her family?
15. What saved Sophie when the killers came to her house?
16. What did Sophie's young brother do when she saw him near to a pit?
17. How was it in St Paul's Cathedral and why did they go there?
18. How many people did the killers take from the Cathedral every day?
19. Who rescued Sophie and other Tutsi from the Cathedral?
20. What happened to the people who stayed in the Cathedral?

What has your life been like after the Genocide?

1. What did Sophie fear would happen again after the Genocide?
2. Which country did Sophie go to after the Genocide?
3. How long has Sophie been married now?
4. When is her wedding anniversary?
5. How many children does Sophie and her husband have?
6. How important was having a family to Sophie?
7. Why is Sophie happy to tell her story?