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Read the BBC article titled “Rwanda: How the Genocide Happened” to answer the following questions:

1. When did the genocide occur?
2. How many people do they estimate died during this short period?
3. Which two ethnic groups were factors in Rwandan genocide?
4. What was the final spark that began the genocide?
5. Which ethnic group is the majority and which is the minority?
6. How are the Hutus and Tutsis similar?
7. What are some differences between the two?
8. Which European country began to colonize Rwanda in 1916?
9. Which group did the Belgians prefer? What advantages did they receive?
10. How did the Hutus feel about the treatment of Tutsis.
11. What happened in 1959?
12. When did Belgium leave Rwanda? Which group took control after they left?
13. What group did the Tutsi refugee form in attempts to overthrow the president and return to Rwanda?

14. What were all the Tutsis in Rwanda accused of doing?
15. To this day, do we know exactly who shot down the plane carrying the president?
16. After the president's plane was shot down, what happened?
17. How big was the Hutu militia?
18. What role did ordinary citizens have in the genocide?
19. What international peacekeeping group left Rwanda at the beginning of the genocide?
20. When the RPF became victorious, where did millions of Hutus go?