Darfur Genocide: Student Worksheet

Part I
DIRECTIONS: Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions. Type your response in a Google Doc, then print out and bring to the next class session. Also, as you read the story and listen to the audio clip in Part II, feel free to search any words and/or topics which may be unfamiliar to you. Be sure you understand what you are reading by asking questions and searching the Internet.

STORY: Violence Reignites in Darfur, 03/31/08
http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/jan-june08/darfur_3-31.html

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS
1. How did the conflict in Darfur begin?
2. How many people have had to leave their homes in Darfur to escape violence? Where did they go?
3. What has the Sudanese government’s response to the crisis been?
4. At the time of this article, how many peacekeeping troops were in Sudan? How might that have changed?
5. What has happened to the two main rebel groups in the conflict?
6. What connection does China have to Sudan?
7. What are some of the incentives the United States is offering Sudan's president to encourage him to end the conflict?

Full Paragraph Discussion QUESTIONS (more research is needed)
Choose just one of the following two questions to explore. Write a minimum of one paragraph response to the question. Be sure to show critical thinking! Explain why your statement event matters/what the effect is.

8. Evaluate the peace efforts by the international community. How has the international community contributed? Is enough being done? Why or why not?
9. Look up the term genocide. Do you think the situation in Darfur qualifies as genocide? Why or why not? What is the significance of President Bush calling the conflict genocide?

Part II
Listen to the audio clip titled: Will The U.S. Grant A Visa To Sudan's Indicted Leader? aired September 20, 2013

Answer the following questions:
10. In light of the information you have read about the conflict in Darfur, Sudan, explain why the U.S. is hesitant to allow Sudan’s leader, Omar Al-Bashir, a visa to enter the U.S.

11. What is your opinion? Should Al-Bashir be allowed to attend the U.N. General Assembly? Explain why or why not. If you are unclear on what the U.N. General Assembly is and/or does, research it 😊 Be sure you search any words or topics which may be unfamiliar to you.