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# CHARACTERISTICS OF GENOCIDE

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Throughout her 12-week curriculum, Esther Brown asks of her youth to characterize the Gang Culture. The group is often surprised to learn that those characteristics they develop are often comparable to those of Genocide.

## **CLASSIFICATION**

- Persons involved will take on an “Us VS Them” mentality.

## **SYMBOLISM**

- Symbols, colors, and signs are developed to represent solidarity for one’s group, and hate against the others.

## **DEHUMANIZATION**

- Often others, or victims, are not believed to be fully human.

## **ORGANIZATION**

- Special army units or militias are trained and armed.

## **POLARIZATION**

- Group are united in protecting their leader(s).

## **IDENTIFICATION**

- Victims are identified and singled out based upon race or ethnicity.

## **EXTERMINATION**

- There is an intent to deliberately and completely kill an entire group.

## **DENIAL**

- Perpetrators deny having committed any crimes.