

Lesson 5	A Journey to Peace	クラス	番号	名前	/50
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Read the passage and answer the questions. 思考・判断・表現

Have you ever heard of Rwanda? It is a country with great natural beauty in central Africa. Marie Louise Kambenga, a peace activist, is from Rwanda. She was the only girl who graduated from high school in her village. She studied home economics, and after graduation, became a dressmaking teacher. In her school, there was a Japanese volunteer. She recommended Louise as a trainee in Japan.

In 1993, Louise came to Fukushima as a trainee to study dressmaking. Living with a host family in Japan was a completely new experience for her. Louise was really amazed when she saw an elderly woman reading a newspaper. She had never seen such a thing! Louise was also impressed with Japan's educational system, especially free public education for all children. In Rwanda, many poor children could not go to school. In 1994, after an interesting 10-month experience, Louise returned to her husband and children in Rwanda.

Two months after her return, her life suddenly changed. One evening, Louise and her family heard a loud explosion. She did not know what was happening in her country until she received a phone call from Japan. Her host family told her that the president of Rwanda had been assassinated. The country fell into confusion.

In the early 20th century, Rwandan people were divided and set against each other by their Belgian rulers. These groups started to fight one another. After the assassination of the president, the situation got worse and worse. People even killed their relatives just because they were from different groups. The confusion caused a genocide, that is, the mass killing of people.

Louise and her family had to escape from Rwanda. On the way to the border, there was death all around them. Shockingly, they saw young people killed right in front of them.

At last, Louise and her family arrived at one of the refugee camps in the Congo. However, the camp was like hell. People could not find enough food, so they had to eat grass to stay alive. A large number of people died every day.

One day, Louise was standing in line to send a fax to her host family in Japan. Then, a Japanese volunteer doctor spoke to her. He realized that Louise knew some Japanese because he noticed *hiragana* on her paper. He asked her if she could work as an interpreter in the camp. Unbelievably, when she escaped from Rwanda, her Japanese dictionary had been in her bag. This unexpected item enabled her to help the doctor as an interpreter and save many other

refugees.

Louise and her family stayed in the camp for six months. After that, thanks to her Japanese friends, she came to Japan again, this time with her family. She finally escaped from this horrible civil war.

Louise believes that the Rwandan civil war was caused by a lack of education. People in Rwanda were easily manipulated during the war. In other words, they could not tell right from wrong. She has realized that education is the key to preventing future wars. When education can create peace in a village, then it can also build a peaceful nation.

With this knowledge, Louise established a school for children in Rwanda. All children can attend this school even if they do not have money. Young people's thinking changed after that. In the past, when children in Rwanda were asked about their dreams, they said, "Can I live until I'm a grown-up?" Now, school children in Rwanda have dreams for the future.

Today, Louise lives in Japan. She survived the Rwandan genocide through education. She keeps sharing her experiences with people in both Rwanda and Japan.

問1 How did Louise become a trainee to study dressmaking in Japan? Explain in English. (4点)

問2 What were two things Louise was surprised at during her life in Japan? Answer in Japanese. (4点×2)

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問3 After her return to Rwanda, how could Louise know what was happening in her country? Explain in English. (5点)

問4 Fill in the blanks to explain how Rwandan genocide happened. (3点×4)

In the early 20th century, people were divided into groups by _____
_____. These groups began to _____. After the
_____, the situation got more confused.
People killed each other because they were from _____.

問5 Fill in the blanks to explain what life was like in the refugee camp in the Congo.

(3点×2)

- People could not _____.
- A large number of people _____.

問6 How did Louise come to work as an interpreter in the camp? Explain in Japanese.

(5点)

問7 Why does Louise believe that a lack of education caused the Rwandan civil war?

Explain in English. (5点)

問8 How did young people change after attending Louise's school? Explain in Japanese.

(5点)
