

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.**

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 When Louise was living in Japan, she was amazed [ 1 ]. (5点)

- ① when she saw children reading a newspaper
- ② when she appeared in a newspaper
- ③ because all children in Japan could receive public education for free
- ④ because children in Japan enjoyed going to school

問 2 After Louise first returned to Rwanda, [ 2 ]. (5点)

- ① people in the country were divided into groups by their Belgium rulers
- ② the president was killed and the situation in Rwanda got worse
- ③ she missed her host family in Japan very much
- ④ the country started to fight against other countries

問 3 At the refugee camp in the Congo, Louise [ 3 ]. (5点)

- ① wrote a message in English and sent it to Japan by fax
- ② found that her French dictionary was in her bag
- ③ found it difficult to get food
- ④ worked as an a doctor to help other refugees

問4 From Louise's experience, you can learn that [ 4 ]. (5点)

- ① education is important and essential for peace
- ② no matter what happens, families should stay together
- ③ now is the time for international cooperation
- ④ young people must take action to achieve their dreams

問5 Put the following events (①～④) into the order in which they happened.

[ 5 ]→[ 6 ]→[ 7 ]→[ 8 ] (5点×4)

- ① Louise heard a loud explosion in Rwanda.
- ② Louise was impressed with Japan's educational system.
- ③ Louise was recommended as a trainee by a Japanese volunteer.
- ④ Louise worked as an interpreter in the refugee camp.

問6 Choose two that do not match the passage. [ 9 ]・[ 10 ] (5点×2)

- ① In Louise's village, many women were able to finish high school.
- ② Belgian rulers set Rwandan people against each other in the last century.
- ③ After the president's assassination, the situation in Rwanda became worse.
- ④ As long as people were in the refugee camps, they could live in peace.
- ⑤ The Japanese volunteer doctor changed Louise's life in the refugee camp.
- ⑥ Thanks to Louise, many school children in Rwanda have dreams for their future.