



Paul Rusesabagina

All that is
necessary for evil
to triumph is for
good people to
do nothing.

- Edmund Burke
Irish statesman

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The City Thinks: Hotel Rwanda, Lessons Yet to be Learned Essay Contest

Consider the U.S.' response to the genocides in Rwanda and Darfur. What patterns do you see with the U.S.'s outreach to help the "other"? What lessons learned in Rwanda should be applied to Darfur? What is our responsibility to help now in Darfur and to prevent further genocides from occurring?

If you are a student between the ages of 12-21, tell your city what you think with your answer to the above question.

Essay Due Date: Wednesday, Sept. 26th **Winners Notified:** Friday, October 5th

Winners Announced: Sunday, October 7 at **The City Thinks** Kick-off event

Winners will have the opportunity to read their essays at **The City Thinks** Kick-off event on October 7, and will receive two tickets for the private dinner with Presidential Medal of Freedom Winner Paul Rusesabagina on October 18th. In addition, copies of the winning speeches will be available to all audience members at Rusesabagina's October 18th lecture, and winners will receive recognition at the speech and in the press.

One winner from each age group (12-14, 15-18, 19-21) will be selected, with two runners up in each category.

For complete rules and an entry form, please visit your local library or go to www.springfieldpublicforum.org.

Be part of **The City Thinks**, a regional program which considers the issue of genocide in Africa. Read *An Ordinary Man*, see *Hotel Rwanda* or *Ghosts of Rwanda*, listen to an expert speaker, make peace-focused art, write an essay! For a full schedule and details, please visit www.springfieldpublicforum.org or www.springfieldlibrary.org.