Is Liliane Anything Like you?

A teenager	Liked sport	Part of a country that saw itself as having different ethnic groups
Enjoyed being with her friends	Joined clubs outside of school	Part of a family
Mixed with lots of different types of people	Enjoyed listening to music	Was part of an ethnic minority that was discriminated against

SAME AS ME DIFFERENT FROM ME

What happened to Liliane in April 1994?

I was 15 in 1994. One day I was sitting in my house with my four brothers, uncle, aunt and cousins. We were sitting together when the militias* broke into our house. They started to attack us. I was able to escape by jumping out of the window and running as fast as my legs could take me. Because the militias were everywhere I decided to hide up in the trees while the soldiers inflicted terror below. While I was up in the trees I could hear screams of terror as they killed my family one-by-one. I also saw my mother hacked to death while she tried to escape. I was so terrified. I did not know what to do. I could hear the sounds of crying and I tried not to look when they pulled all the bodies out, but I couldn't help it. I managed to survive by hiding my self, for some time in bushes, in swamps, in dead bodies, actually any where safe just for a second.

*Groups of armed men trained and given weapons by the government

Today...

I live in Oxford and have a lovely new born child. I work for charities to try and help other survivors and to tell people about what happened. I have gone back to Rwanda on two occasions, it was very challenging, because all the terrible memories come flooding back. Being a survivors, has change me a lot, as I feel lonely, and sometimes sad.

I hope that teenagers in the UK respect one another, without considering the colour, or race, religion, or status or other people so that we can put a full stop to DISCRIMINATION and remember what happened in Rwanda in 1994.

Teachers' Notes

Story of Liliane Umubyeyi Objectives

All pupils to understand that Liliane was a person like them and that something terrible happened to her in 1994 Most to acknowledge the similarities / differences between them and Liliane and to understand the nature of her ordeal in 1994 Some to understand the above and to ask perceptive questions as to the background / context of events in 1994

Starter:

- Cards with statements (Resource 1) below given to pupils in envelopes
- Take above cards and place on line (Resource 2) (SAME AS ME at one end DIFFERENT FROM ME at the other)
- One card placed in sealed envelop (Resource 3) pupils can't open until told

Main:

- Teacher leads discussion on conclusions What are the similarities / differences between you and Liliane
- Teacher introduces fact that teenager is called Liliane, lived in Africa, Rwanda, and was 15 years old in 1994
- Teachers shows map locating Rwanda's position in the world in relation to Britain (Resource 4 see link below)
- Pupils open sealed envelop card contains facts about what happened to Liliane in 1994

Plenary:

• Teacher asks pupils for any questions that they would need to ask to find out more about what happened to Liliane and why it did so

Extension:

• Use web links to explore Liliane's story further

Resources:

- Information cards
- A3 sheet with SAME AS ME / DIFFERENT FROM ME line on it
- Liliane Umubyeyi memoir
- Small map locating where Rwanda is in the world http://www.mapsofworld.com/rwanda/rwanda-location-map.html
- Envelopes

Links

http://www.voice-online.co.uk/content.php?show=12385

http://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/display.var.1810771.0.rwandan_genocide survivor_up_for_award.php

http://www.hmd.org.uk/files/1227715032-257.pdf