

Canadian Peacekeeping Missions

Read the information packages about Canadian peacekeepers and some of their missions around the world. Then complete one set of questions for each location. (You are expected to answer the questions for as many locations as you can. Some of you may complete more than others and that is ok. Do what you can.) Use the examples of Egypt and Rwanda to help you complete the same questions about the peacekeeping missions in Cambodia, Cyprus, the Balkans, and East Timor. Bullet points are acceptable for this assignment. You may choose to type your answers in a google doc or write them on regular lined paper and then take a picture and send me the picture. The layout of your answers does not need to be the same as the examples, but you need to use the same headings.

Egypt

WHEN did this happen?

- 1956-1967
- 1973-1979

WHO was involved?

- Egypt, Israel, Great Britain, France
- Canada as part of a UN mission

WHERE did it happen?

- Egypt is in the Middle East
- links the continents of Africa and Asia
- the Suez Canal connects the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea

WHY did it happen?

- the Suez Canal is within Egypt's borders but was under control of the British and French
- when Israel invaded Egypt, the British and French sent troops to secure the canal

WHAT happened?

- the presence of British and French troops added to the tensions in the area so the UN called for a ceasefire and withdrawal of all foreign troops from Egypt
- Lester Pearson (a future PM of Canada) suggested a multinational peacekeeping force (he won the Nobel Peace Prize for this)

HOW was the issue dealt with?

- peacekeepers were given light blue helmets in order to distinguish them from other forces
- the mission was initially a success - Britain and France withdrew their troops and eventually, so did Israel
- UN observers remained and eventually tensions grew again between Egypt and Israel and Egypt demanded the peacekeepers leave
- the UN was called back to Egypt in 1973 after Egypt and Syria attacked Israeli forces, and again in 1986

Rwanda

WHEN did this happen?

- 1993-1996 UN missions
- 1994 genocide

WHO was involved?

- historically, Belgium
- Hutu and Tutsi tribes people
- Canadian peacekeepers as part of UN missions

WHERE did it happen?

- Rwanda is a small central African country south of Uganda
- killing started in the capital Kigali and spread across the country

WHY did it happen?

- Rwanda was a colony of Belgium and when it gained independence the people fought for power
- Tutsis were exiled then upon their return a civil war was developing

WHAT happened?

- the Tutsi planned a return to Rwanda from Uganda and this concerned the Hutu, they brokered a peace agreement under UN supervision
- the agreement was not observed by rebels and this led to the genocide of Tutsi and moderate Hutu

HOW was the issue dealt with?

- Canada led the peacekeeping mission sent to oversee the peace agreement
- while in Kigali, peacekeepers learned of the planned attacks on Tutsis
- they tried to get UN support and additional manpower to stop the genocide but it was not given
- eventually, the killing stopped after General Dallaire went back and forth with both sides and a new peace agreement was reached