Research exercise: Research on Conflict in Darfur

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Life Narratives within Op-Eds Surrounding the Conflict in Darfur

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Why
- Politics moved by the people
- Human Rights issues must be addressed by government
- Raise awareness to gain or increase adherence to cause
- Spur politicians into action

Op-Eds
- “Opposite the Editorial Page”
  - Opinion, not news
  - Purpose: Awareness, Persuasion, Action

Life Narratives
- Stores of suffering
- Human faces to world events
- Inspire an active reaction

Ethos
- Using narrator as method of argumentation
- Experienced events first-hand
- Generally victims

Pathos
- Persuasion by appeal appealing to emotion:
  - Pity
  - Anger
- Language choice
- Sympathetic story