Living through the Bosnian War

1992-1995
Una National Park
City of Sarajevo during the war

https://www.pri.org/stories/2008-10-10/how-wars-end-part-v-bosnia
City parks became graveyards

Bosnian Identities

Religion
• Orthodox Christian
• Catholic (Christian)
• Muslim
• Jew

Bosnian “Nationality”
• Serb
• Croat
• Muslim (today: “Bosniak”)
• Jew
Note: When the war started the numbers were *slightly* different.
The war

• Began April 6, 1992 when Bosnia declared its independence from Yugoslavia
• Bosnian Serbs did not want independence and began fighting (supported by Serbia)
• At first, Bosnian Croats sided with the Muslims (Bosniaks), but then they fought against them (supported by Croatia)
• The Jews were not a target – they often helped the Bosniaks.
A Bosnian woman from Srebrenica

Burning village

https://www.theatlantic.com/photo/2012/04/20-years-since-the-bosnian-war/100278/
Refugees

http://www.sarajevotimes.com/which-countries-have-received-the-most-bh-refugees-during-the-nineties/bh-refugees-in-nineties-dnevnik-hr/
How do you think the war in the countryside affected the people who were its victims?

https://alienhippy.wordpress.com/2011/10/01/i-have-a-question-can-anyone-relate/
City of Sarajevo during the war

https://www.tacno.net/english/453790/
Snipers shot people as they went out to look for water, food, or firewood

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In Mostar, the beautiful old bridge that gave the town its name was destroyed.

How do you think the war affected the people who stayed in Sarajevo or Mostar?

https://www.pinterest.com/pin/668080925954097483/
Judy Collins’ “Song for Sarajevo”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=46ss5p3KSp
Something to thank about for tomorrow:
What are some ways that Bosnians used to cope during the war? (What do you do to feel better when something bad is happening in your life?)