

A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah
Episode #1
“The Stirring Memoir Of A Child Soldier!”

1. It is jarring, it is disturbing, but it brings awareness to a crisis that no resident on planet earth should _____.
2. Sierra Leone is in West _____.
3. Liberia has struggled tremendously with civil unrest and war;...many of the problems in Sierra Leone have a direct _____ to the problems in Liberia.
4. He starts the story when he is 10 years old. He recalls refugees passing through his _____ after walking hundreds of miles.
5. “It was evident they had seen something that _____ their minds, something that we would refuse to accept if they told us at all.”
6. The _____ that Beah writes in this book completely demonstrates our inability to grasp the story that he is about to tell us.
7. Land for the city was purchased by local chiefs in the late 1700s to be a home for resettled slave, mostly from _____.
8. Today, when you go to Freetown one thing you will be sure to see is a huge _____ called “The Cotton Tree.” It is Freetown’s most important _____.
9. It is not only a landmark but a symbol of the _____.
10. Even though _____ is the official language of Sierra Leone, it is used mostly by the literate minority, not the majority of the people who live in the country.
11. He introduces us to himself and his friends by showing us a bunch of boys listening to American _____ music.
12. This is not a tribal conflict; this is not about ethnic _____.
13. It’s estimated that in Sierra Leone between 50-70% of people are animists, meaning that they follow _____ religious beliefs.
14. Neither religion nor ethnicity play a _____ in the civil strife that we are reading about.
15. War is not sterile; it is more _____ than we can understand.

16. ...top government official leaving everyone who lives in this place undereducated, underemployed, with no public _____ in most of the country.
17. The diamonds that came out of the mines have been called _____ diamonds.
18. Taylor put in a _____ that terrorized and controlled the people of Sierra Leone.
19. These are all real problems... and yet they are nothing compared to the _____ he will describe.
20. "What kind of liberation movement shoots _____ civilians?"
21. They are taking over those mining _____ and in the first year of war the RUF took almost all of the mining areas.
22. Mercury seeps into the ground. It contaminates drinking _____. It kills fish and other animals.
23. All in all it's estimated that anywhere from ten thousand to fourteen thousand _____ were fighters in this war.
24. "We have to do this to show you blood and make you _____."
25. This _____ will be taken from Beah.
26. By the end of chapter 9, Beah is ready to be _____.
27. Beah's _____ will save his life over and over again in this book.
28. We are left to imagine: How did this kid possibly _____ this?
29. "A lot of happy things happen when the _____ shines."
30. "It pleases me to know that that part of my _____ is still embedded in me."