Shake Hands with the Devil: Viewing Questions

Why does (Ret) Lt. Gen. Dallaire return to Rwanda in 2004?

Can you identify and label who are the perpetrators, the victims, the bystanders, the resistance with respect to the Rwandan genocide?

Belgians
UN
Dallaire
Hutus
Tutsis
French
RPF
World’s media
Anyone else?
Do these lines get blurred at any point during the film? Why or why not?

Dallaire describes the title of the film/his book, Shake Hands with the Devil. What does it mean?

Who is Dr. James Orbinski? And what was his involvement in Rwanda?

What is Daillaire’s point of view about the UN? Does it shift? If so, why/why not?
Dallaire makes reference to Stompin’ Tom Connors? How? Why? What is the significance?

What was Dallaire role vis-à-vis the world media? (hint BBC and CBC)

During the press conference for the 10th anniversary, a Belgian politician makes statements against Dallaire – what are they? Why are many upset with the timing of this incident?

Who is Paul Kagame? And what was/is his role in Rwanda?

National Resistance Memorial – What is it? What’s inside the building? Why is it significant?

What does Dallaire think/say about Rwanda today?

Dallaire’s wife, Elizabeth, calls her husband her “Canadian hero” – would you agree or disagree? What does Dallaire himself say about the term?