

## Background Research: *Eclipsed* by Danai Gurira

1. Research the Second Liberian Civil War. When did it occur? What was the cause of the fighting?
2. What were women's roles in the war?
3. Who is Black Diamond? Why might she have been important to the war and after the war?
4. Who were the LURD rebels and what role did they play in the war?
5. What language is primarily spoken in Liberia? Why?
6. Look at the picture on our website. Describe the picture in your own words.
7. Gurira cites the photo as her inspiration to write "Eclipsed". Based on the photo what do you think the play will be about?
8. Research Danai Gurira. List below a few facts about her life.
9. Does anything stand out in your research as something that would influence or impact her writing? Explain how.
10. The title of the play is "Eclipsed". Look up a definition of the word and discuss why it might have been selected as the play's title.