

The strategy of this paper is to draw attention to the influence of narrative and group identities to the current conflicts of the Great Lakes Region. It argues that past memories, passed over to the present generation through community narratives, have contributed to the current crisis. Narratives have been a driving force in forming solidarity and at the same time in excluding and exterminating others. Narrative groups have further consolidated allies and distinguished enemies, in this way broadening the crisis in the region. The paper concludes by asserting that particular narratives remain dangerous in the Great Lakes Region, unless they are reconstructed in recognition of others narratives.