

**Complete the 15 blanks and then answer the questions.**

In March 2014, the International Criminal Court (ICC) found the warlord Germaine Katanga guilty of war crimes in the Democratic 1) R\_\_\_\_\_ic of Congo. Katanga was convicted of a key role in the 2) m\_\_\_\_\_r of 200 villagers in 2003.



Katanga is only the second person to be convicted by the ICC which sits in The Hague, a large city in The 3) N\_\_\_\_\_nds. His trial lasted six years because cases involving war crimes are normally very 4) c\_\_\_\_\_x. At least five similar ICC cases have collapsed in the past because there was not enough 5) ev\_\_\_\_\_e to hold a fair 6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The first person to be convicted by the ICC was Thomas Lubanga. His 7) w\_\_\_\_\_ crimes included using children to fight in a terrible war. Some were as young as 8) n\_\_\_\_\_ years old! Many died in the fighting and others suffered terrible 9) i\_\_\_\_\_s and psychological damage.

Child 10) s\_\_\_\_\_s remain a huge problem. The pressure group, Amnesty 11) I\_\_\_\_\_l claims hundreds of thousands of boys and 12) \_\_\_\_\_ have been affected. Many are abducted and forced to become soldiers. Others 'volunteer' because they live in severe 13) p\_\_\_\_\_y. Children who become soldiers are often very badly affected for the 14) \_\_\_\_\_ of their 15) \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Explain why Germain Katanga was found guilty at the International Criminal Court.
- B) Where is the International Criminal Court? (Name the city & country.)
- B) Why can cases at the ICC take a very long time, and why did five cases collapse?
- C) List some of the things that can happen to child soldiers during fighting.
- D) Describe two ways young people can end up becoming child soldiers.