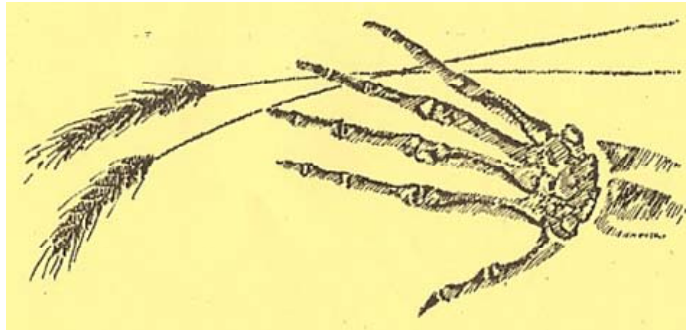


Ukrainian Famine - Genocide

Holodomor 1932-33



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What does "Holodomor" mean?

Holodomor, one of the most horrific genocides in history, took place 75 years ago. This word means ***death by starvation*** in the Ukrainian language.



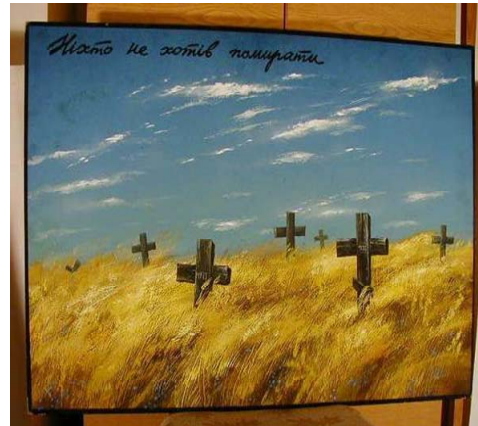
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When did this happen?

During the winter of **1932** and the spring of **1933**, **millions** of people living in central and eastern Ukraine were wiped out by a forced famine. Entire villages of people died.



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How many people perished?



Between **7 and 10 million** Ukrainians were starved to death. People of all ages were victims of this tragedy - the elderly, young women and men, innocent children and infants.

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Which regions were most severely affected?

Note the areas which appear in dark red



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How did this happen?

In the fall of 1932, by decree of Joseph Stalin, Ukrainian villagers were forced to supply *all* of their grain to the Soviet* government.

Soviet = U.S.S.R. or Union of Soviet Socialist Republics



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What happened if they didn't comply?

If the villagers did not supply every grain of wheat to the Soviet government, they were ***shot to death***. They could not even keep a few grains to feed their family.



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Why did this happen?



The Ukrainian people did not want to give up their land for collectivization*. Imagine the irony! Villagers harvested record crops of wheat, but died of hunger because they were not allowed to keep it.

Collectivization – the process of creating collective farms in the USSR.

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Why haven't we heard about the Holodomor?

Until 1991, the Soviet government suppressed all information about this piece of history. Ukrainian people refused to forget all the dear loved ones who died unjustly. They are now **free** to share their story.



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Are there any survivors of the Holodomor?



Ukraine became a free country in 1991. Eye-witnesses who survived the tragedy were able to speak openly about the Holodomor of 1932-33 to their children, grandchildren and Ukrainian historians.

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How is this history being shared?

In 1991, the book **"Famine of '33: Memorial Book"** was published in Kyiv. It lists the names of one thousand survivors of the Holodomor, who witnessed the tragic deaths by hunger.

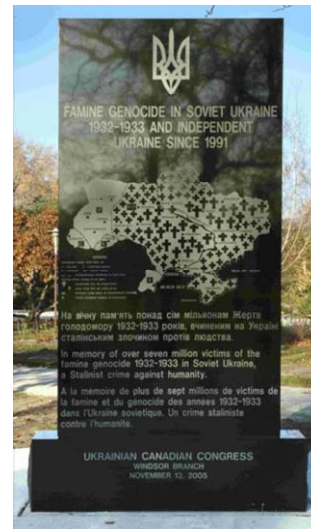


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What is our role today?

As a tribute to the millions who died, we must acknowledge the Holodomor, or famine-genocide, in our history texts. It happened because of greed, power and a lack of respect for human life.



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