

THE HOLODOMOR



MEANING

FACTS

1932 - 1933

CONNECT
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What is the HOLODOMOR?



Holodomor literally means “to kill by starvation”. The Holodomor was a man-made famine in Ukraine.



FACTS

What? Why? When? Where?

Where is Ukraine?

Ukraine is situated in the centre of Europe.





When did it happen?



What actually happened?



People in Ukraine did not have food to eat. By no food, we mean there was NO FOOD AT ALL. To survive from starvation people ate anything they could possibly find: grass, flowers, roots, rotten potatoes, berries and nuts.

Why did it happen?

The tragedy of the Holodomor is that it was a planned process by the government of the Soviet Union (USSR). At that time Ukraine was part of the USSR. This way the government wanted to control the country and its people, to eliminate a Ukrainian independence movement. The Holodomor DID NOT happen because of natural disaster. Ukraine was often called the "breadbasket" of Europe, growing and supplying many countries with wheat.



How did the “breadbasket” of Europe not have anything to eat?



All food was taken away by government officials.

Did people die?

**Yes. Every minute, 19 people died.
Every hour, 1 167 people died.
Every day, 28 000 people died.
(in June of 1933)**

How long did it last?

**Millions of people were starved to death between 1932-1934.
31% of them were children under the age of 10.**



Make Connections

Why do we need to know about the Holodomor?

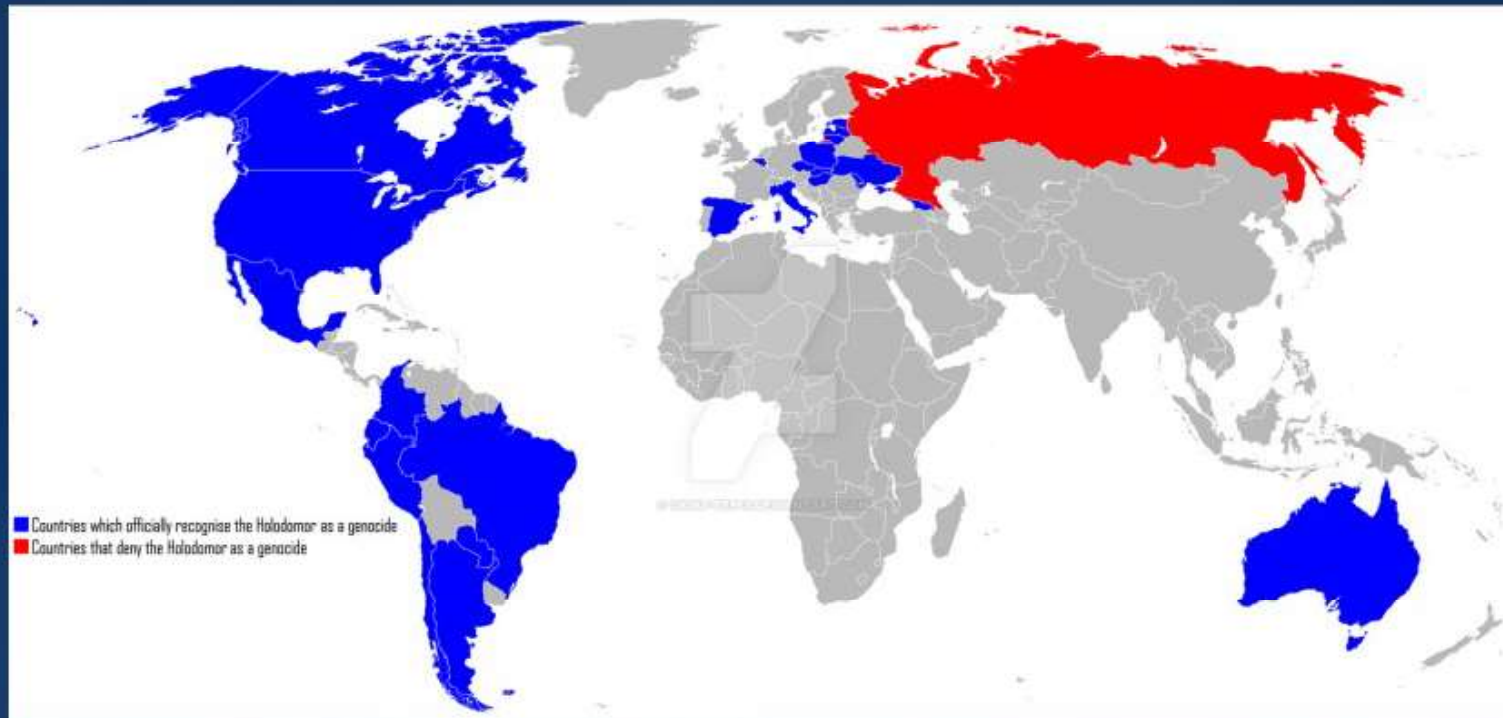
Round table discussion 1



Possible answers

- **So we can spread the truth about the Holodomor. It is a crime against humanity.**
- **To ensure the acknowledgement of the Holodomor as a genocide against the Ukrainian nation.**
- **???**

**Sadly, there are still countries in the world that
deny the truth about the Holodomor.**



Make Connections

Why do you think Russia refuses to recognize the Holodomor?

Why do some countries stay neutral about the Holodomor?

Round table discussion 2

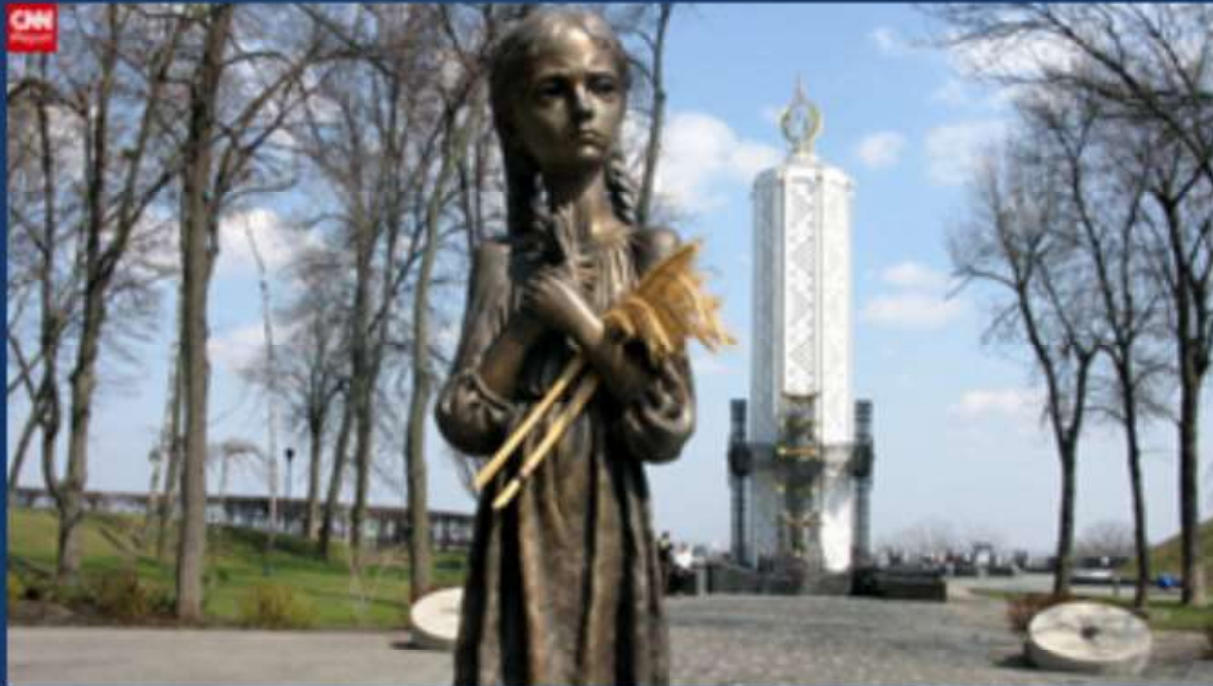


Possible answers

- **Russia does not recognize the Holodomor because it is difficult for a government to admit making mistakes and killing millions of people.**
- **Some countries have ties with Russia and do not want to offend either side, and so do nothing.**
- **???**

**In order to remember this tragedy people
around the world have erected monuments.**

Kyiv, Ukraine



Chicago, USA



Winnipeg, Manitoba



Calgary, Alberta



Edmonton, Alberta

The world's first monument to the victims of the Holodomor





Make Connections

Why does Edmonton's Holodomor monument have this shape? What does it represent?

Round table discussion 3



Possible answers:

The circle represents the cycle of life. Our grandparents passed on their knowledge to our parents, and our parents will pass it on to their children and so on.

The broken circle shows that people died and were not able to pass their history on to the next generations.



**Canada was one of the first countries
to recognize the Holodomor.**



Make Connections

Why do you think Canada was one of the first countries to recognize the Holodomor?

Round table discussion 4



Possible answers

- **Canada has one of the largest Ukrainian diaspora populations.**
- **Canada is known as a protector of human rights and freedoms.**
- **???**

Since 2008, Alberta has designated the 4th Saturday of November as the official **day for commemorating the victims of the Holodomor**, and the 4th Friday in schools.



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