## CURRICULUM-ALIGNED DIGITAL LEARNING MATERIALS ON THE HOLODOMOR FROM OUR PARTNERS

Critical Thinking Consortium (TC²)
***Teaching and Learning About Human Rights Atrocities and Genocide: The Holodomor in Ukraine***
Commissioned by HREC Education, developed in partnership with TC², two comprehensive, inquiry-based Holodomor lesson units for Grades 6–9 (3 lesson plans) and 10–12 (7 lesson plans). Includes a curated collection of history source documents accompanied by teacher notes and student tasks designed with a focus on engaging students in critical and historical thinking to deepen conceptual and subject-area understanding and providing educators with rigorous, evidence-based approaches to teaching the Holodomor within broader historical, human rights, and civic contexts.
**IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH.**
**Explore the TC² Holodomor units** **https://tc2.ca/holodomor**
**Explore the TC² Holodomor source documents** https://tc2.ca/resources/history-docs/holodomor-source-docs

**TVO Learn**
TVO is the digital learning branch of Ontario's Ministry of Education. These two learning modules were created to align with the mandated Grade 10 Canadian History course's inclusion of the Holodomor beginning in September 2026. They have HREC Education learning materials embedded within them.
IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH.
**View the Ontario Grade 10 Canadian History curriculum expectations**
(See Strand C3.4)

**Explore the TVO Learn Grade 10 Canadian History course resources**
*View Unit 2: Canada 1929-1945; 2.2 – Responses to the Great Depression, scroll down to* ***The Holodomor****.*

**View the two Holodomor-related learning modules and teacher toolkits**:
***Can media shape historical memory?***
https://tvolearn.com/collections/courses/products/can-media-shape-historical-memory
***How does injustice affect communities?***
https://tvolearn.com/collections/courses/products/how-does-injustice-affect-communities

**IDÉLLO–L'Holodomor : de l'histoire à la mémoire collective**
https://www.idello.org/003271936/lholodomor-de-lhistoire-a-la-memoire-collective?utm_source=Idello&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Idello2026

## EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES ON THE HOLODOMOR

**Holodomor Research and Education Consortium**
**https://education.holodomor.ca and https://holodomor.ca**
This website contains research-based content and curricular materials on the Holodomor for grades 6-12. It includes background information, memoirs of survivors, primary documents, newspaper articles, excerpts from literature, and a variety of suggested lesson plans and assignments. Emphasis is placed on developing historical and critical thinking skills using a variety of strategies that complement curricula

expectations in a number of provinces. The site has an excellent list of resources and links.

**Manitoba. Diversity Education: Holodomor Education and Awareness**

Manitoba Education and Training

https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/diversity/multic/holodomor.html

The official site of the Manitoba Ministry of Education describes how the Holodomor has been incorporated into the Manitoba curriculum, provides teaching resources, and offers links to sites on the Holodomor and genocide.

**Nadiya – Hope; Holodomor Supplemental Resource for Teachers**

Edmonton Catholic Schools, Alberta

https://www.ecsd.net/holodomor
https://education.holodomor.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/supplemental-resource-for-teachers-nadiya-hope.pdf

Developed by educators throughout Canada for use in K-12 and for school events, this site draws together dozens of lesson plans, PowerPoint presentations, and background materials on the Holodomor and is grouped by grade level.

**"Famine as Genocide: The Holodomor in Ukraine" – HREC MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)**
https://holodomor.ca/resource/famine-as-genocide-in-the-20th-century-the-case-of-the-holodomor/
Drawing on decades of research conducted by leading international experts, the course makes available a vital resource for scholars, students and the public and is free to all.

**Connecticut Holodomor Awareness Committee**

www.holodomorct.org and http://holodomorct.org/holodomor-information-links/
This site provides general information and includes an "Information Links" page that offers a categorized and updated list of carefully selected print and media titles and direct links to a wide range of Holodomor resources.

**"Exposing the Ukrainian Holodomor – How starvation was used as a political weapon"**
**Unit 2, Chapter 5. (FAST: "Voices into Action" series)**

English version: https://www.voicesintoaction.ca/lessons/unit2/chapter5/
French version: https://www.voicesintoaction.ca/fr/lecons/unite2/chapitre5/

This is a resource for educators by the Saskatchewan Holodomor Awareness and Education Committee for Voices into Action. Unit 2: Chapter 5 is dedicated to the Holodomor.

**"Studying Genocide Teacher's Guide"**
A project of the Ministry of Education of Quebec and the Foundation for Genocide Education, Montreal.
https://oraprdnt.uqtr.uquebec.ca/pls/public/gscw031?owa_no_site=1026

English version: https://www.education-genocide.ca/en/genocides/the-holodomor-genocide-of-ukrainians-in-the-ussr/
French version: https://www.education-genocide.ca/genocides/lholodomor-genocide-des-ukrainiens-en-urss/

The Holodomor is included in this Quebec guide for teaching genocide in both English and French covering the 9 genocides recognized by the Government of Canada.
https://oraprdnt.uqtr.uquebec.ca/pls/public/gscw031?owa_no_site=1026&owa_no_fiche=14&owa_bottin=

**"How A Grain of Wheat Linked Two Worlds"**
A unit of study for Grades 3-6 prepared by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation.
https://www.stf.sk.ca/resource_unit_plan/how-grain-wheat-linked-two-worlds/

**HOLODOMOR HEROES: Truth Tellers (Series 1) The first journalists to write about the Holodomor**
See what **Canadian journalist Rhea Clyman**, **Welsh journalist Gareth Jones**, and **British journalist Malcolm Muggeridge** have in common with these accurate 5W Basic Fact Sheets for classroom use.
ENGLISH: https://education.holodomor.ca/holodomor-heroes/
FRENCH: https://education.holodomor.ca/heroines-et-heros-de-lholodomor/

**Two Regimes**

A collection of salvaged paintings, sketches and a manuscript almost lost to history – the life work of a Ukrainian mother and her daughter. The mother wrote about her family's life while living in Mariupol, Soviet Ukraine, from 1927 to 1945 under the two regimes of Stalin and Hitler. Her daughter painted works from memory created decades apart from her mother's writings. Both were survivors and witnesses of the Holodomor genocide in Ukraine under Stalin, and the Holocaust genocide under Hitler.
Website: https://tworegimes.com/holodomor/
Book: https://he.kendallhunt.com/product/two-regimes-memoir-holodomor-and-holocaust-ukraine
Film: https://tworegimes.com/school-film/
Teacher Guide for film: https://tworegimes.com/study-guide/

## DOCUMENTARIES ON THE HOLODOMOR

**Genocide Revealed**

Educational Version, 2013. Directed by Yurij Luhovy. The 26- and 52- minute versions are on a single DVD for classroom use. *To purchase the DVD: http://www.yluhovy.com*
English, French and Ukrainian versions available: https://www.genociderevealedmovie.com

This internationally acclaimed documentary on the Holodomor features rare historical footage, survivor accounts, commentaries by historians and declassified Soviet archival documents.

**Harvest of Despair: The 1932-33 Man-Made Famine in Ukraine.**

Directed by Slavko Nowytski and Yurij Luhovy. Toronto, 1984. 55 min.
To purchase the DVD: *www.ucrdc.org/Films.html* or contact: info@ucrdc.org

*Harvest of Despair* is a feature-length documentary containing excellent background information on the Famine and its cover-up. Produced in the 1980s, it remains one of the best overall presentations on the history of the Holodomor within the context of world events, with an emphasis on how the world reacted.

**The Soviet Story.**

Directed by Edvins Snore, 2008, 85 min. To purchase the DVD: iTunes, Amazon
Ukrainian and French subtitles available www.documentaryheaven.com/the-soviet-story

The opening 11 minutes of the film describe the 1932-33 Holodomor and can serve as a powerful introduction to the topic. The film outlines Stalin's murderous regime from its inception through its early complicity with the Nazis and describes the impact of this legacy today.

**Holodomor: Voices of Survivors.**

Produced and directed by Ariadna Ochrymovych, Toronto, 2015, 30 min.
To purchase the DVD, contact: http://www.ucrdc.org/About_Us.html

This 30-minute film is appropriate for grades 7-12. It presents the personal stories of 25 Ukrainian-Canadian survivors who were children in the 1930s, many of whom were orphaned and suffered severe illnesses and trauma. The film is interwoven with drawings that illustrate their experiences, rare archival footage, Soviet propaganda posters, and photos.

**Stalin's Secret Genocide.**

Written and directed by Andrea Chalupa, Toronto, 2017, 15 min.
Online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYG7fKe4JHA
To purchase the DVD, contact: Holodomor National Awareness Tour holodomor.tour@cufoundation.ca

**Hunger for Truth: The Rhea Clyman Story**
Directed by Andrew Tkach, 2017
To purchase the DVD: https://holodomortour.ca/product/hunger-for-truth-the-rhea-clyman-story-dvd/

**Holodomor: Minnesota Memories of Genocide in Ukraine**
Directed by Zina Poletz Gutmanis, 27 min.
Online, free: https://www.tpt.org/holodomor-minnesota-memories-of-genocide-in-ukraine/

## FEATURE FILMS ON THE HOLODOMOR

**Bitter Harvest**

Produced by Ian Ihnatowycz, directed by George Mendeluk, 2017. 1h 43min.
For more information: *http://www.imdb.com/title/tt3182620/*
To purchase the DVD: Amazon and other outlets.

**Mr. Jones**
Directed by Agnieszka Holland with story and screenplay by Andrea Chalupa, 2019. 2h 21min.

For more information and to view the film: http://www.samuelgoldwynfilms.com/mr-jones/

## BOOKS ON THE HOLODOMOR

Applebaum, Anne. *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine*. Toronto: Doubleday, 2017

Cipko, Serge. *Starving Ukraine: The Holodomor and Canada's Response*. Regina: University of Regina Press, 2017

Conquest, Robert. *The Harvest of Sorrow: Soviet Collectivization and the Terror – Famine*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1986

Gamache, Ray. *Gareth Jones: Eyewitness to the Holodomor*. Welsh Academic Press: 2018

Klid, Bohdan and Alexander Motyl, eds. *The Holodomor Reader: A Sourcebook on the Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine*. Edmonton and Toronto: CIUS Press, 2012

Kuryliw, Valentina. *The Historian's Craft Lesson on Human Rights and the Holodomor*. Edmonton and Toronto: CIUS Press, 2024.
ENGLISH: https://education.holodomor.ca/the-historians-craft-lesson-on-the-holodomor/
FRENCH: https://education.holodomor.ca/la-methode-historique-lholodomor-et-les-droits-de-la-personne/

Kuryliw, Valentina. *Holodomor in Ukraine, The Genocidal Famine, 1932-1933: Learning Materials for Teachers and Students.* Toronto: CIUS Press, 2018 https://education.holodomor.ca/holodomor-in-ukraine-book/

Liber, George O. *Total Wars and the Making of Modern Ukraine, 1914-1954*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016

Naimark, Norman. *Stalin's Genocides*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2010

Pyrih, Ruslan, ed. *Holodomor of 1932-33 in Ukraine: Documents and Materials*. Translated by Stephen Bandera. Kyiv: Kyiv Mohyla Academy Publishing House, 2008

Shipton, Martin. *Mr. Jones–The Man Who Knew Too Much: The Life and Death of Gareth Jones*. Welsh Academic Press, 2021.

Snyder, Timothy. *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin*. New York: Basic Books, 2010

## HISTORICAL FICTION

Cherkas, Michael. *Red Harvest: A Graphic Novel of the Terror Famine in Soviet Ukraine*, graphic novel. New York: NBM Publishing, 2023

Gal, Valentina. *Philipovna: Daughter of Sorrow*, Toronto: Guernica Editions, Inc. (MiroLand), 2019

Good, Rhea. *Bottle of Grain. A Holodomor Story*. Saskatchewan: Independently Published, USA. Illustrated by Natalie Warner, 2020. ISBN-13: 979-8555398918

Karpenko, Kat. *The Photograph.* NJ: BookBaby, 2020

LeBrun, Cynthia. *Black Sunflowers*. Toronto: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2024

Litteken, Erin. *The Memory Keeper of Kyiv*. London: Boldwood Books, 2022

Lysenko, Adrian and Ivanka Theodosia Galadza (illustrator) graphic novel. *Five Stalks of Grain*. Calgary, AB:

University of Calgary Press, 2022

Melnyczuk, Lesa and Veronica Rooke (illustrator). *Baba's Chooks*. Lesa Melnyczuk Publications, 2024

Schmidt, Carola and Anita Barghigiani (illustrator). *Tell Me A Story Babushka*. New Rochelle, NY: Reycraft Books, 2022

Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk. *Winterkill*. Scholastic Press, 2022

Skrypuch, Marsh Forchuk. *Enough*. Toronto: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2003

*Holodomor90 article on literature picks:* https://holodomor90.com/holodomor-books-to-read-this-fall/

**HREC ED Webinar Series** with authors of historical fiction about the Holodomor (videos):

Holodomor Stories: https://education.holodomor.ca/webinars/

Holodomor *Hot Off the Press*: https://education.holodomor.ca/holodomor-hot-off-the-press/

## ARTICLES ON THE HOLODOMOR

Kuryliw, Valentina. "Teaching the Ukrainian Genocide – the Holodomor, 1932-1933: A Case Study of Denial, Cover-up and Dismissal" in genocide scholar Samuel Totten's *Teaching about Genocide: Insights and Advice from Secondary Teachers and Professors, Volume 1*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, September 2018.

Werth, Nicolas. "The Great Ukrainian Famine of 1932-1933: A Case Study" in the *Online Encyclopedia of Mass Violence*, published 19 April 2008, modified Feb. 2015.

Lemkin, Raphael. "Soviet Genocide in the Ukraine," 1953.
https://education.holodomor.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/LEMKIN-UN-SPEECH-FULL–Holodomor_PartIV_Friesens.pdf

Lemkin, coined the word "genocide" and worked on the UN Convention on Genocide. He asserts that events in Ukraine in the early 1930s were "the classic example of Soviet genocide" and concludes: "This is not simply a case of mass murder. It is a case of genocide, of the destruction, not of individuals only, but of a culture and a nation."
www.education.holodomor.ca/teaching-materials/role-of-lemkin/

## SURVIVOR ACCOUNTS

**Share the Story**
Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre (UCRDC). Short video excerpts of 80 Canadian survivors of the Holodomor. http://www.sharethestory.ca http://www.holodomorsurvivors.ca

**Children of Holodomor Survivors Speak**
Ukrainian Canadian Research and Documentation Centre (UCRDC). Short video excerpts from 21 Canadian second generation children of survivors and an analysis of the oral history project, the first of its kind in North America and possibly the world: http://ucrdc.org/cohs

Melnyczuk, Lesa. ***Holodomor – Silenced Voices of the Starved Children.*** Perth: Carina Hoang Communications, 2018. A collection of 40 stories in book form told from first-hand experience by survivors who later migrated to Western Australia.

## RESOURCES IN FRENCH

**HREC ED Holodomor Pamphlet for Holodomor Memorial Day and Remembrance Day in Schools:**
https://education.holodomor.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/HMD_Apr2024_Pamphlet_ForWeb_Fr.pdf

**ÉTUDIER LES GÉNOCIDES: L'Holodomor, génocide des Ukrainiens en URSS**
**Foundation for Genocide Education *Studying Genocide: Teacher's Guide* for Grades 10-12:**
https://www.liberation75.org/post/the-guide-studying-genocide
https://gened.org/the-guide/
https://www.education-genocide.ca/en/genocides/the-holodomor-genocide-of-ukrainians-in-the-ussr/

**Child of Holodomor Survivors** video by HREC Education for Studying Genocide Teacher's Guide, 2022
**ENGLISH:** https://education.holodomor.ca/child-of-survivors-of-the-holodomor-1932-1933-ukrainian-genocide/
**FRENCH:** https://education.holodomor.ca/enfant-de-survivants-de-lholodomor-1932-1933-genocide-ukrainien/

**Génocide d'une Nation** – Version éducationnelle (26 min)
https://www.genociderevealedmovie.com/product/genocide-dune-nation-version-educationnelle-26-min/

**Harvest of Despair (1983) / La Moisson du Désespoir, La Famine en Ukraine, 1932-1933 (55:59 min)**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDQ1iyEYX2M

**FAST–Voices into Action: Chapitre 5: L'Holodomor**
https://www.voicesintoaction.ca/fr/lecons/unite2/chapitre5/

**For French updates, see also: https://education.holodomor.ca/ressources-pour-les-enseignants/**