

# Questions on the Holodomor Text

## The Holodomor 1932-33

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### Introduction

1. **Define Holodomor.**
2. **How was this tragedy hidden for more than five decades?**
3. **What information was uncovered in Soviet Archives in 1991?**

### Historical Background

4. **What events set Ukraine up for victimization from its oppressors?**

### Lead-up to the Genocidal Famine

5. **What issues did Stalin appear to have against the successes of Ukraine?**
6. **What actions did Stalin take?**
7. **What happened to those farmers who revolted?**

### Implementing the Holodomor

8. **What were the major developments that occurred in 1932 and 1933?**
9. **What were the causes of so many deaths of farmers and their families at that time?**
10. **What was ironic about what happened to Soviet grain in 1932 as so many Ukrainian farmers starved to death?**
11. **What fate was suffered by so many Ukrainian political leaders?**
12. **What important change occurred in the summer of 1933?**

### Causes

13. **How did the USSR attempt to rationalize the deaths of so many Ukrainians due to starvation?**
14. **How does another school of historians refute this USSR claim?**

### Nationalities Policy

15. **How was indigenization (*korenizatsiia*) in addition to the economy of the time a cause for the Holodomor?**
16. **In Stalin's second quote from the text, why do you think he used the phrase, "the national question is a peasant question?"**

### Reaction to the Ukrainian Genocidal Famine

17. **A. In Paragraphs 12 to 14, in what different ways was the Holodomor reported? B. Why do you think that the reports differed?**
18. **Even though Soviet governments would not acknowledge the Holodomor, what evidence proved that Ukraine was targeted for destruction as a nation?**
19. **Why is it important that the Holodomor be commemorated worldwide?**