TOP PICKS - Resources for Teaching the Holodomor
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The listings below are examples of resources in a given category suitable for classroom instruction.

Educational Websites on the Holodomor

1. Holodomor Research and Education Consortium
A project of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta
www.education.holodomor.ca/ and www.holodomor.ca

This website contains research-based, reliable content and curricular materials on the Holodomor for grades 6-12. Educational materials found here include background information for teachers and students, memoirs of survivors, primary documents, newspaper articles, excerpts from literature, as well as 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.

2. Nadiya – Hope; Holodomor Supplemental Resource for Teachers
Edmonton Catholic Schools, Alberta
www.education.holodomor.ca/supplemental-resource-for-teachers-nadiya-hope/
www.ecsd.net/AboutUs/Overview/Holodomor/Pages/default.aspx

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. Although some of the materials are designed for use in Catholic schools, all the resources can be adapted as needed.

Manitoba Education and Training
www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/multic/holodomor.html
www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/diversity/educators/index.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 other genocides.

4. Classroom Resources for Teachers
Connecticut Holodomor Awareness Committee
www.holodomorct.org and www.holodomorct.org/links.html

This site provides general information and includes an “Information Links” page that offers a categorized and regularly updated list of carefully selected print and media...
titles and direct links to a wide range of Holodomor resources.

www.voicesintoaction.ca/Learn/Unit2/Chapter5/

This is a resource for educators prepared by the Saskatchewan Holodomor Awareness and Education Committee for Voices into Action. Unit 2 of the online resource provides information on five genocides. Chapter 5 is dedicated to the study of the Holodomor.

Documentaries on the Holodomor

1. Genocide Revealed.
To purchase the DVD: http://www.yluhovy.com

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

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.

3. The Soviet Story.
Directed by Edvins Snore, 2008, 85 min.
To purchase the DVD: iTunes, Amazon

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.

4. Holodomor: Voices of Survivors.
Produced and directed by Ariadna Ochrymovych, Toronto, 2015, 30 min.
To purchase the DVD, contact: www.ucrdc.org

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.
Books


Articles on the Holodomor


2. Lemkin, Raphael. “Soviet Genocide in the Ukraine” 1953. Lemkin, who coined the word “genocide” and worked on the UN Convention on Genocide, asserts that events in Ukraine in the early 1930s were “the classic example of Soviet genocide.” He 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/