• 7,000,000 - 10,000,000 million died
• Holodomor - Death by starvation
• Ukraine is not an independent nation
  o issues with Russia since 1863
• Ukrainian culture/language
  o Under constant scrutiny
• Ukraine – bread basket of Europe
• Ukraine’s 2 classes
  o Intelligentsia
    ▪ Cultural leaders
    ▪ Scholars
    ▪ Educators
    ▪ Elite
  o Peasantry
    ▪ Consisted of 3 subclasses
      ▪ Kulak (wealthy peasants)
      ▪ Middle peasants
      ▪ Poor peasants
    ▪ Majority of Ukrainian society consisted of peasants

Ukraine Prior to the Famine:
• Collectivization – industrialize and modernize the nation
• Government has complete control over the amount of grain produced/sold
• Russification – forcing all national groups in Soviet Union to use Russian as language of power
  o Lenin believed this would be counterproductive
  o Stalin in power used this to break assimilate Ukraine

Russification
• Intelligentsia – imprisoned and executed
• Russian language used for publication/education
• “class enemy” – kulak
• Dekulakization – kulak were removed from their property and exiled/murdered
• Kulaks symbol of Ukrainian nationalism