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Genocide in the 1900s

I. Genocide -

A.) As of Dec. 9, 1948 the United Nations defines genocide as:

The intent to destroy, a whole or part of a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group by:

- a) Killing them
- b) Causing bodily or mental harm
- c) *Conditions* of physical destruction
- d) Preventing births within the group
- e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group

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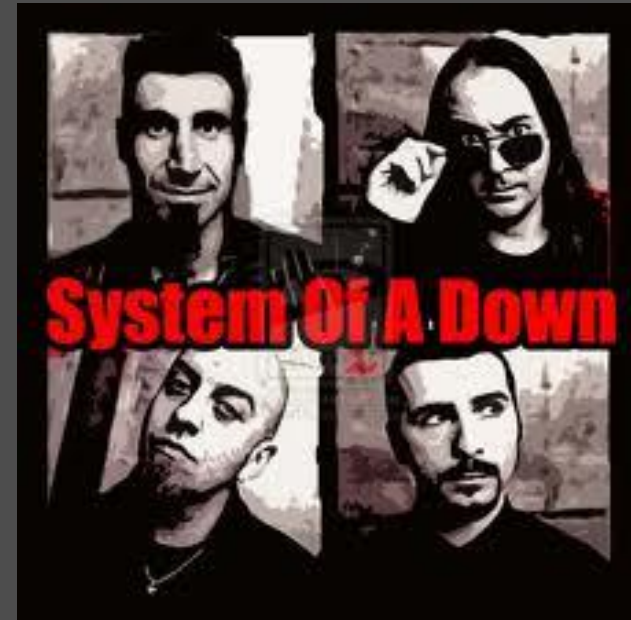
RAP- Armenian Genocide (1915-1918)

Read pgs. 362-363

1. Why were Armenians targeted by the Ottoman Turks?
2. What was the total number of deaths?
3. Briefly explain what took place?







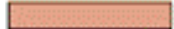


Famous Americans of Armenian Descent





THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE: 1915-1923

 <p>Massacre sites: The marker size represents the number of deaths.</p>	 <p>Death March Routes: Turkish troops forced Armenians into the desert, without food or water, to die of starvation and heat exhaustion.</p>	 <p>Concentration Camps</p>	 <p>Deportation Checkpoints</p>
 <p>Present day regional country borders</p>	 <p>Historic Armenia borders</p>	 <p>Current Armenia borders</p>	<p>© 2004 Armenian National Committee of America Armenian National Committee of America 888 17th Street NW, #904 Washington, DC 20006 phone: 202.775-1918 fax: 202.775.5648 www.anca.org anca@anca.org</p>

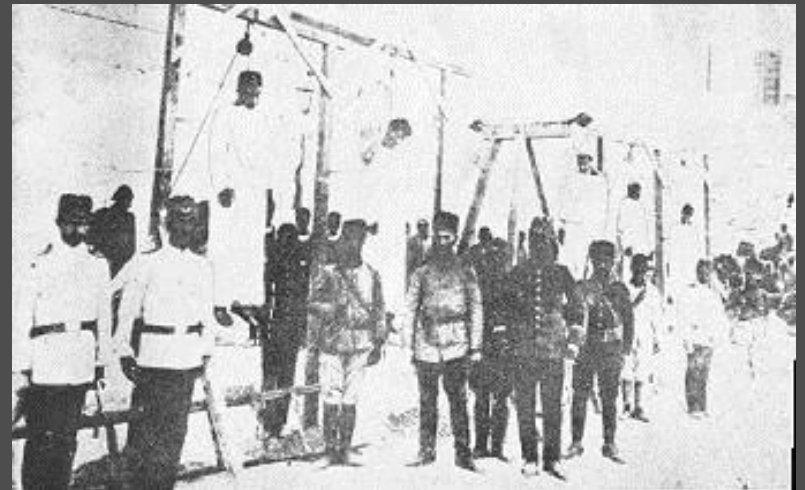
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II. Danger Signals for Genocide

- Dictatorship
- Racist or *Super-nationalist* Ideology
- Use Minorities as *scapegoats*
 - Using Propaganda and Dehumanization
- Wartime

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4. April 24, 1915 – Turkish gov't.
tortured, hanged or shot 300
Armenian leaders, educators, writers,
and clergy.



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Mehmed Talat Pasha (1872-1921)



- Leading member of the Young Turks 1913 until 1918.
- Architect of the Armenian Genocide.
- Assassinated in exile in Berlin in March 1921

Turkish soldiers posing with the decapitated heads of Armenian community leaders, 1915



Armenian Children



Starved to Death by the Turks





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5. Punishment

- 1919 – First War Crime Tribunal formed but the efforts died out after Treaty of Versailles.
- Today (2012) - Turkish gov't that masterminded Armenian genocide has still not been punished.
- http://www.jdemirdjian.com/Armenians/Armenian_Genocide_Pictures.htm

6. April 24 – Day of Remembrance



System of a Down – Artists for justice and peace – NEVER FORGET!



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1939 Adolf Hitler, on his way toward the "final solution" for the Jewish people, made this statement of his plans in Poland:



I have placed my death-head formations in readiness - for the present... with orders to send them to death mercilessly and without compassion , men, women, and children of Polish decent and language. Only then shall we gain the living space (lebensraum) which we need. ***Who, after all, speaks today of the annihilation of the Armenians?***