

The Impact Of The 1915 Armenian Genocide

Artist's Commentary

The 1915 Armenian Genocide. The genocide that caused over 1.5 million Armenians to lose their lives. I decided to draw a picture of a symbolic figure, using song lyrics from the songs "Hypnotize" and "B.Y.O.B" By System Of A Down. They are an Armenian/Lebanese metal band; The Armenian Bassist of the band "System Of A Down" Shavo Odadjian explained in an interview how his band had boycotted a show in Turkey because they were not given the right to free expression and denied ever causing this genocide. In the first place. They were angry at the Turkish government for ever denying the genocide. System Of A Down is really well known for their political and contraversial song lyrics. The Lead Vocalist, Serj Tankian, had lost his grandfather due to this genocide; and this genocide inspired Hitler, which makes this genocide even more impactful to me, as it should be for you.

Music has always inspired me. In my drawing, I used a girl "on top" of the Earth reaching for an Armenian flag. The Earth is wrapped in a chain with a Turkish flag in the center. Below is a crowd, belittling her. She is alone. As in the lyrics "Dreams that her country left with no one there." I also used the lyrics "Why Do They Always Send The Poor?" From "B.Y.O.B" Because those lyrics really stood out to me as impactful and helped me gain an understanding on how people were treated and how things should change and we should spread awareness about it. I felt very empathetic and motivated to help make a positive change and spread awareness about the 1915 Armenian Genocide.

I really hope my artwork helps you gain an understanding on how important it is to spread awareness about the 1915 Armenian Genocide and how over a million innocent people lost their lives due to this tragedy. Thank you.

Final Product

“The Sacrifices Of The Common Man”

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