

Russian Genocide in Ukraine

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Artist's Statement

My project is on the Ukrainian Genocide and the history behind why it is happening. Stalin of the USSR started the genocidal mindset toward Ukraine with a man-made famine known as the Holodomor or Terror Famine in the 1930s. The Holodomor was part of Russia's plan of propaganda and Ukrainian hate. This has led to what is currently going on, with Putin invading Russia. Now, something important to understand about this is that there are people who argue that the invasion of Ukraine is not a genocide. However, many people, including myself, would argue that this is genocide for a few reasons. Firstly, you have to take the history into account. Russia's goal is to effectively eliminate Ukraine and Ukrainian culture, which is not the first time either. Also, this is not a standard military invasion. Russia is trying to kill as many Ukrainians as possible, bombing hospitals, apartments, etc. Many people, including President Biden, have stated that Russia is likely even committing war crimes in Ukraine, and the International Criminal Court is opening an investigation into it.

This leads to my project, which is The Ukrainian Conflict Memorial. The Ukrainian Conflict Memorial is a 15-foot-tall, cascade-style water fountain with a 5-foot by 5-foot by 5-foot glass box on the top. Inside the glass square are the words "In Defiance of Genocide," in large lettering. The way the glass box was designed, the words can be viewed from any angle, even from a plane overhead. Overall this piece is designed to prevent indifference, by commemorating the lives lost in the Ukrainian Conflict.

Image of Entire Memorial

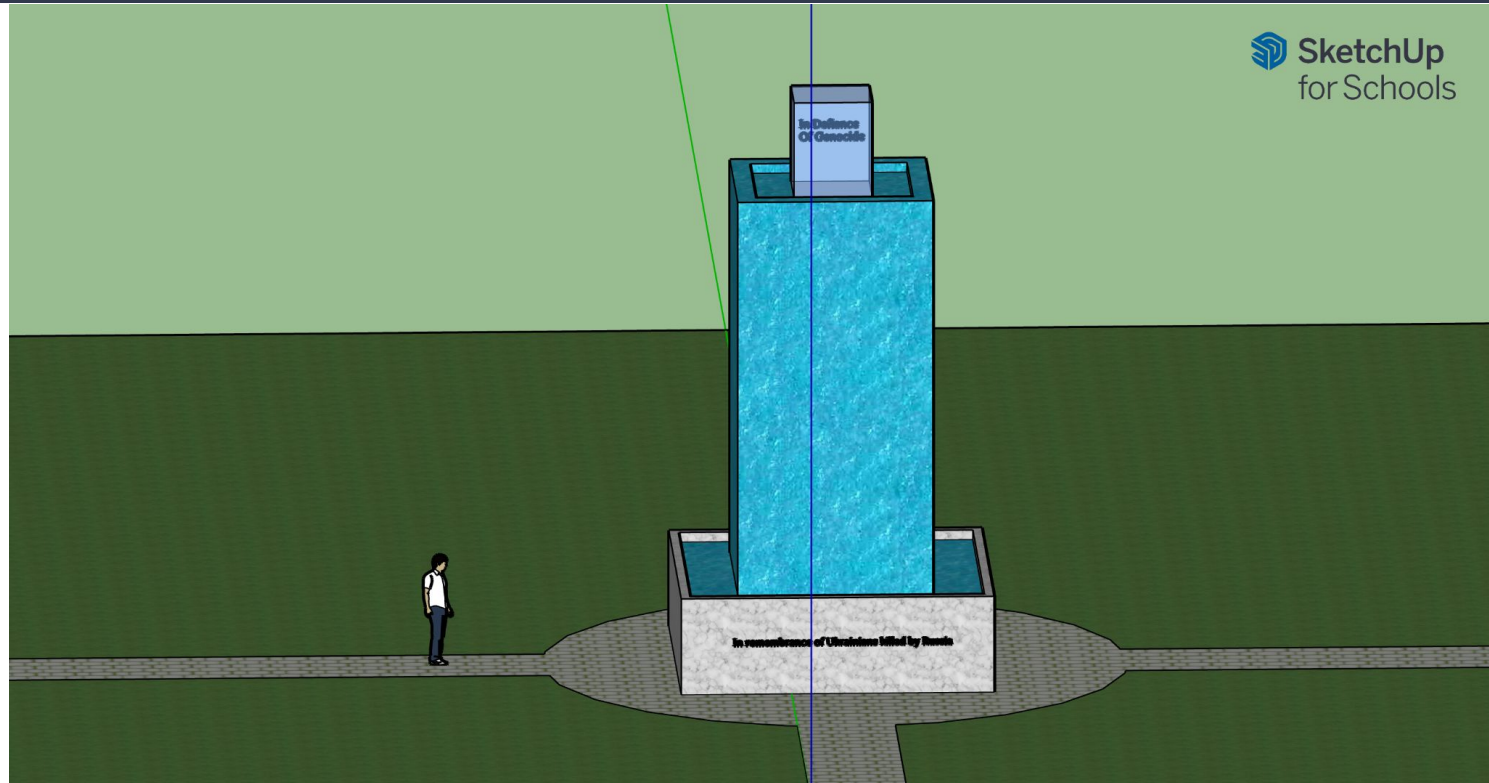


Image of Memorial Base

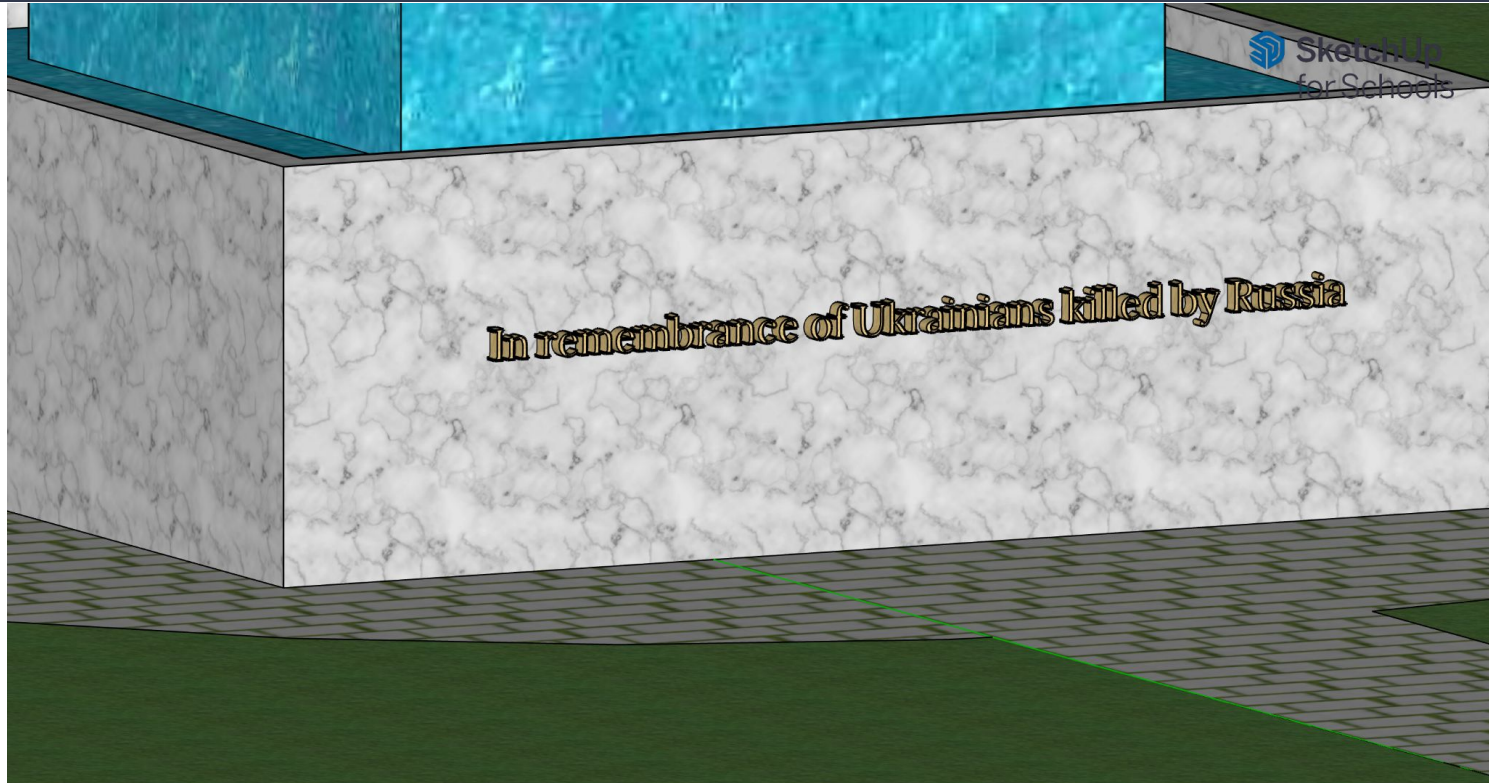


Image of Memorial with Human Reference

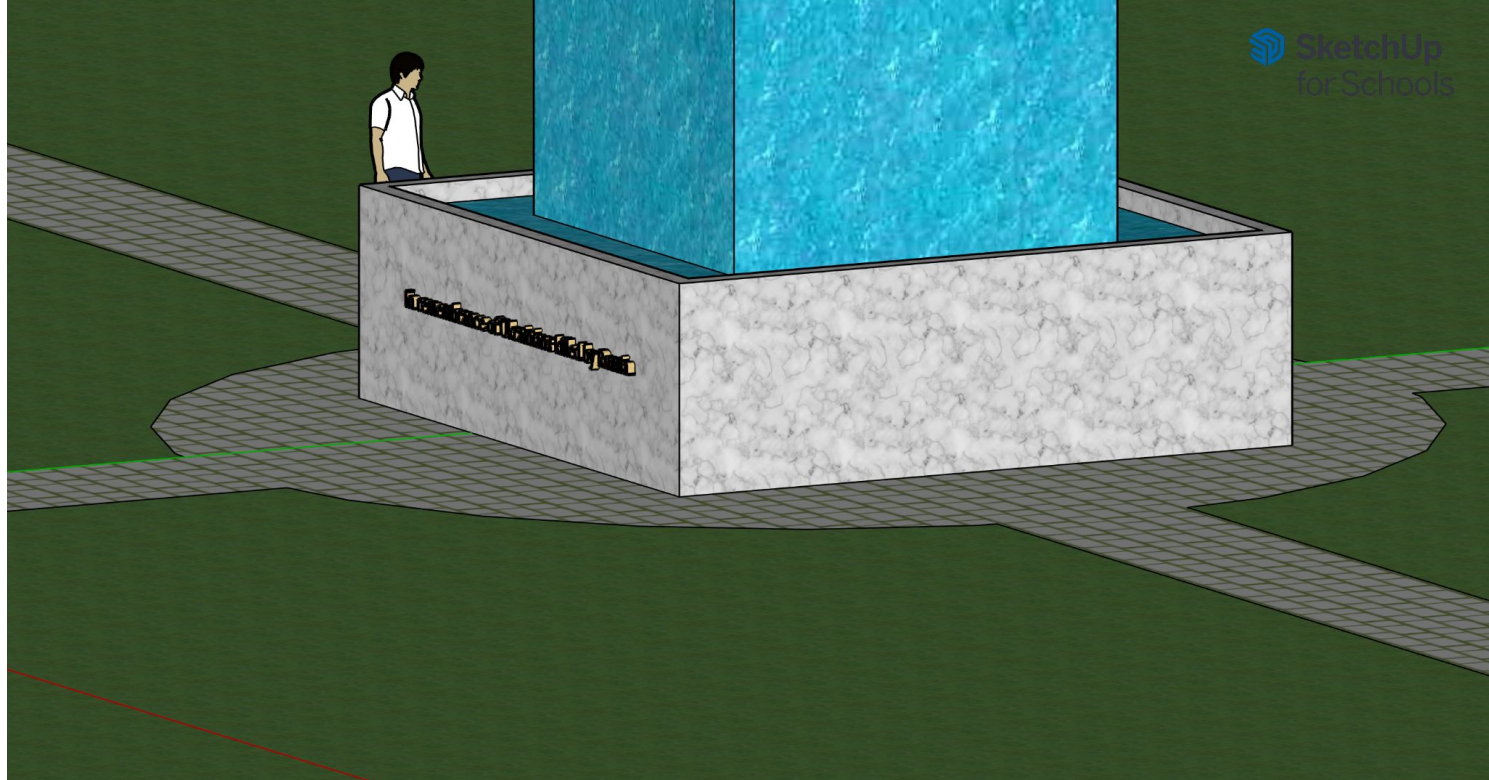
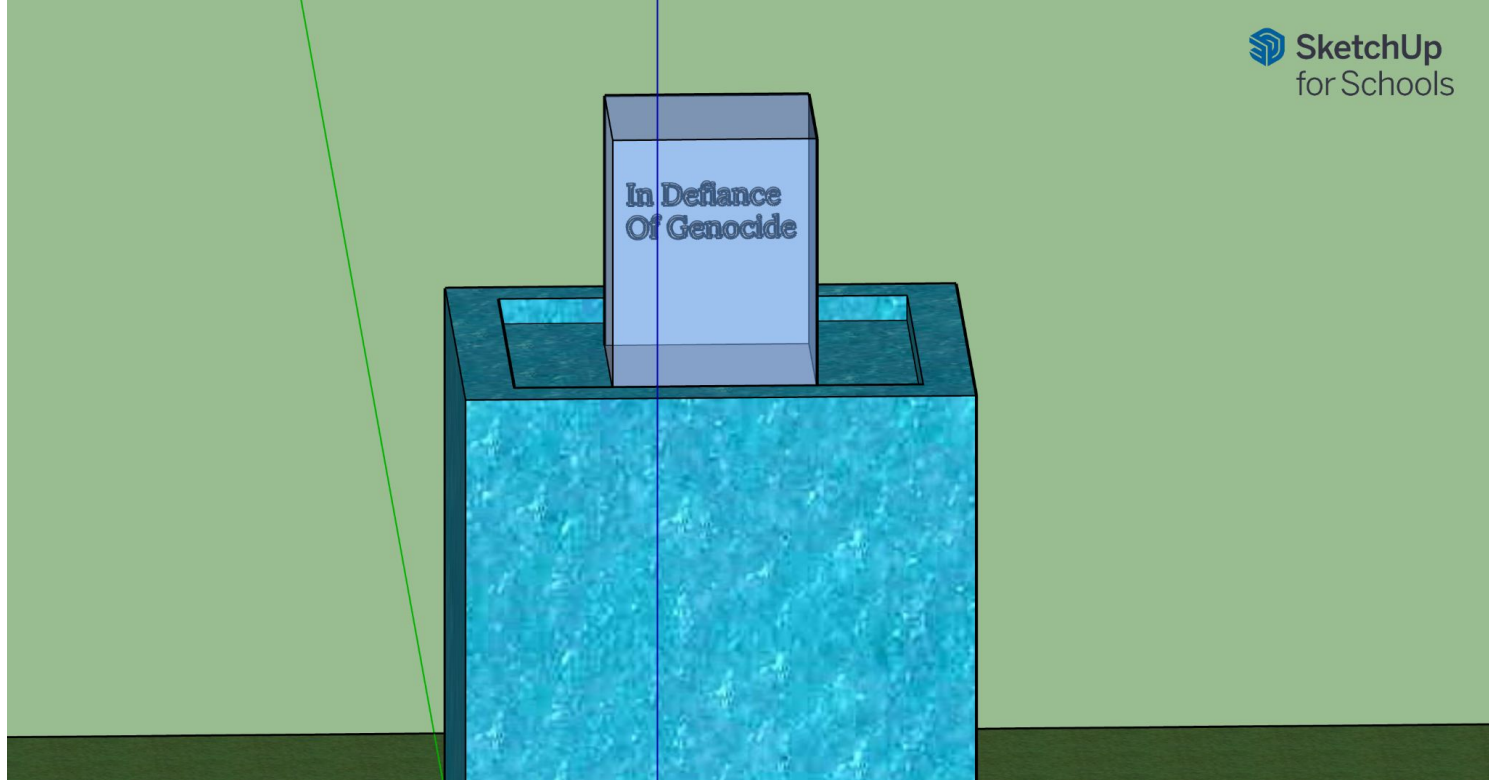


Image of Top of Memorial



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