

Aim: How did the Armenian Massacre affect Turkey and the World?

I. Origins of Problems between Turks and Armenians

1. The Ottoman Empire contained many Christian Armenians and Muslims
2. Armenians started calling for an independent state.
3. Russia promoted Armenian independence

II. Problems Escalate

1. The Turks blamed the Armenians for losing important WWI battles.
2. They were considered a threat to Turkish unity.
3. This is what began the massacre

III. The Massacre Begins

1. Turks arrested thousands of Armenian intellectuals and most were executed.
2. Encouraged a forced evacuation of Armenians
3. The Turks built labor camps where thousands of Armenians were killed by a variety of techniques: burned alive, shot, starvation, morphine injection, and poisoning.

IV. Results

1. The Turks massacred over a million and a half Armenians
2. After WWI the people responsible were sentenced to death.
3. Genocide was brought to the attention of the world