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- 1. The potato famine was one of the most terrible events in Irish history.
- 2.It was a disaster because most poor people grew potatoes to eat.
- 3. Although extra food was imported it was simply not enough.
- 4. More than one million people starved to death.
- 5. Many people left Ireland and emigrated to the United States or Canada.
- 6. There was not enough food on the ships so many people got sick and died.
- 7.At that time the voyage from Ireland to the United States took over a month.