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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 to the United States took over a month.