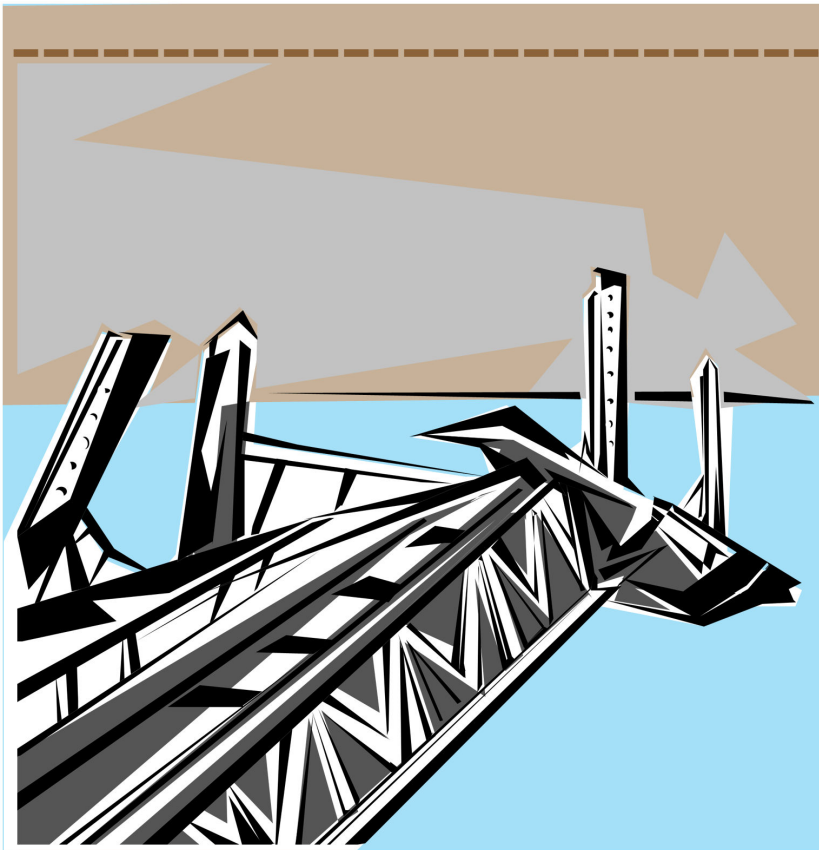


# Boston Molasses Disaster

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Fold on the solid line, and insert into the slot on the base (pg 1) of the diorama. Make sure to face the mangled elevated train tracks towards the front of the diorama with the text facing the back.

## The Boston Molasses Disaster

On the unusually warm day of January 15, 1915, the North End of Boston, Massachusetts was flooded when a molasses storage tank burst. The wave of molasses coming from the collapsing 2.3 million gallon storage tank raged down the streets of the neighborhood in an 8-15 foot wave travelling roughly 35 miles per hour. The force was also so strong that it destroyed the elevated train tracks which ran by the wharf and storage tank. 21 people were unfortunately killed and 150 injured by the incident. The cause wasn't fully determined but it's believed that fermentation and shoddy tank design and neglected safety checks led to the collapse.



Source: Wikipedia

Eric Postpischil's Molasses Disaster Pages  
(<http://edp.org/molasses.htm>)

The Georgia Tech Boston Molasses Disaster PDF  
(<http://www.me.gatech.edu/jonathan.colton/me4210/bostondisaster.pdf>)