

World War I - Treaty of Versailles

How do you make peace?

- make a compromise
- maybe talking
- thing

I. The Paris Peace Conference

a. The Big Three

i. Wilson of the USA urges his 14 Point Plan which urges:

1.) self determination

2.) freedom of the seas- Lusitania

3.) a league of nations to keep the peace

ii. David Lloyd George of Britain - the British people demand harsh treatment for Germans.

iii. George Clemenceau of France - wants to weaken Germany so they will never threaten France

I. The Treaty of Versailles(__ June 1919 __)

a. Impact on Germany

i. Germany must accept full Blame for starting the war

ii. Germany must pay reparations \$ to pay for the damage of the war and pensions for millions of Allied veterans, widows and orphans. REPARATIONS = 33 billion.

iii. Severely limit the size of the German army + navy

iv. Returned Alsace & Lorraine to France, removed even more land and took away Germany's

. colonies - Japan

v. Why did Germany sign the treaty?

no choice!

a. Other Settlements

i. Self determination

new European countries are created - new maps

- ii. Mandate system - new name for colonies- Britain says they are *training* for independence

b. League of Nations

- i. More than 30 nations joined, agreeing to negotiate *talk* disputes rather than resort to *war*.

- ii. USA refuses to join.

II. The Impact of the Treaty of Versailles →

causes WWII ! ! !