

What actually came out of the Paris Peace Conference?

Results of the Paris Peace Conference

- Treaties (more on that to come)
- New countries and boundaries that sometimes had very controversial borders (Czechoslovakia, most Middle Eastern countries, some African colonies) (we will look more at these later)
- A League of Nations (which remained weak, particularly because the US failed to join)

What was rejected?

- Japan's desire for a "racial equality proposal" and all German colonies (they got half)
 - Japan felt the US was responsible for this and held a grudge that may have contributed to WWII
- Italy didn't get half of the land it wanted, was greatly in debt, and left the conference in a rage
- Many smaller nations did not gain independence
 - Northern Ireland, African nations
- The US did not join the League of Nations nor sign any of the treaties. They created their own treaties in 1921.
- A national home for Jewish people

THE
TREATY OF PEACE
BETWEEN
THE ALLIED AND ASSOCIATED POWERS
AND
GERMANY,

The Protocol annexed thereto, the Agreement respecting
the military occupation of the territories of the Rhine,

AND THE

TREATY
BETWEEN
FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN
RESPECTING

Assistance to France in the event of unprovoked
aggression by Germany.

Signed at Versailles, June 28th, 1919.

(With Maps and Signatures in facsimile.)



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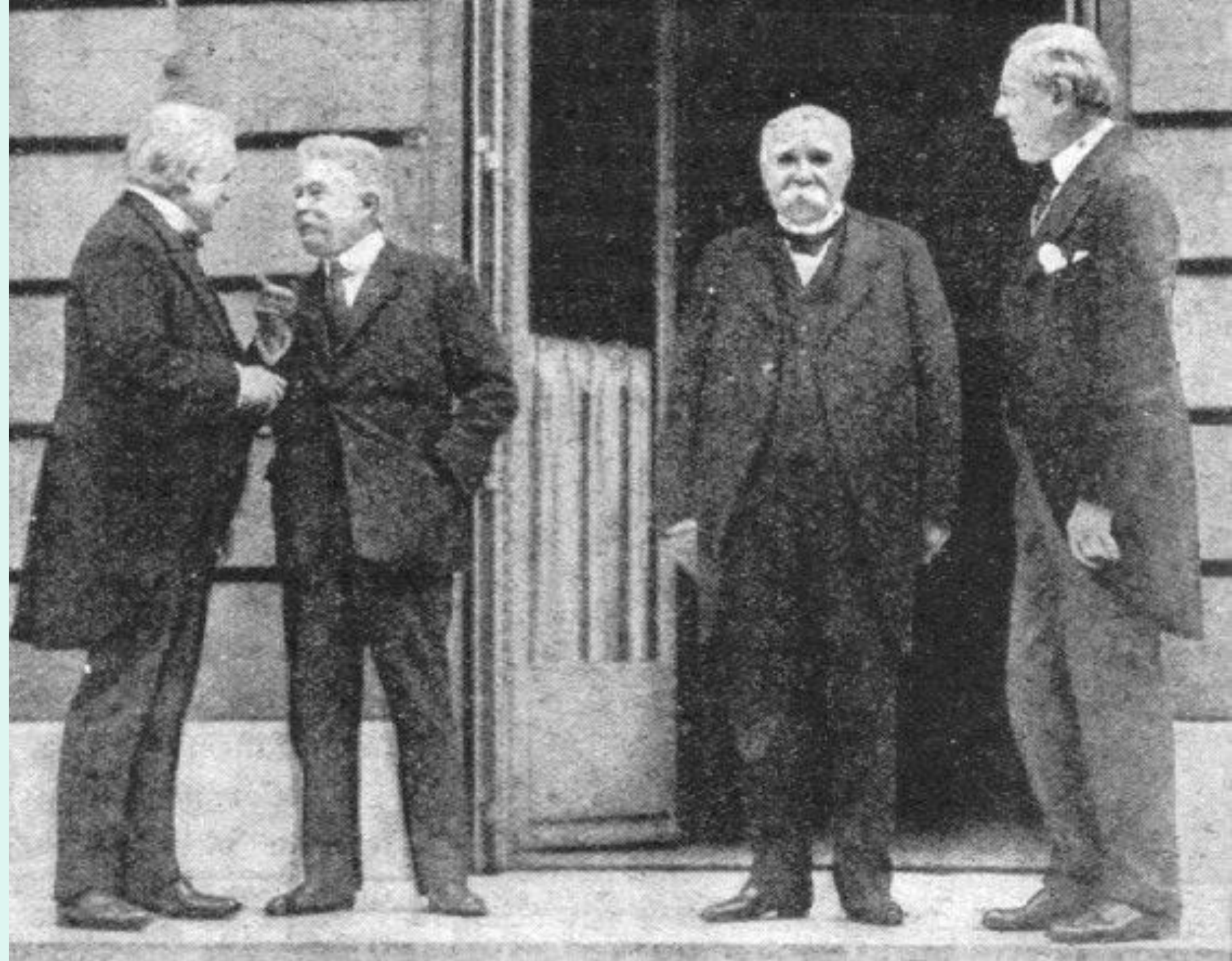
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The Treaty of Versailles

Perhaps the most
historically well
known item to come
out of the PPC



What was the Treaty?

- On 28 June 1919, the victors of WWI met at the Hall of Mirrors in the Palace of Versailles, near Paris
- Consisted of 5 separate treaties with the defeated nations-Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey
- The Treaty with Germany, however, was by FAR the most important
- Germany was not allowed to send any delegates, and had no choice but to accept whatever was decided.
- Germans were forced to agree to the terms of peace.
- Affected millions of people, and a new map of Europe was created out of the “peace”! (more to come on this!)



Dominion of Ireland

United Kingdom

Denmark

Norway

Sweden

Finland

Estonia

Latvia

Lithuania

East Prussia (Germany)

Poland

Germany

Czechoslovakia

Austria

Hungary

Romania

Yugoslavia

Bulgaria

Greece

Albania

Italy

France

Belgium

Luxembourg

Soviet Union

North Sea

Baltic Sea

Danzig

Atlantic Ocean

Black Sea

Portugal

Spain

Africa

Mediterranean Sea

Middle East

Cyprus (British)

The main points of the Treaty [BRAT]

1. **B** - Germany had to accept the **Blame** for starting the war (Clause 231). This was known as the “War Guilt” clause.
2. **R** - Germany had to pay £6,600 million (called **Reparations**) for the damage done during the war.
3. **A** - Germany was forbidden to have submarines or an air force. She could have a navy of only six battleships, and an **Army** of just 100,000 men. In addition, Germany was not allowed to place any troops in the Rhineland, the strip of land, 50 miles wide, next to France.
4. **T** - Germany lost **Territory** (land) in Europe (*see map on page 743*). Germany’s colonies were given to Britain and France.

(Also, Germany was forbidden to join the League of Nations, or unite with Austria.)

Why did
Germany
have to pay
for the whole
thing?

Does this
mean that
Germans
can't play
Battleship
anymore?

Loud noises!!
I don't know
what we're
yelling
about???

I love
this
lamp!!



Discussion Questions about BRAT:

1. Many historians would go on to argue that the Treaty of Versailles was unfair in its treatment of Germany. What parts of it do you think are unfair? Be specific.
2. How do you think the treaty could damage Germany's economy?
3. Why do you think the Allied countries wanted to punish Germany so badly?

OurFlags



BEAT GERMANY

Support **EVERY FLAG**
that opposes Prussianism

Eat less of the food Fighters need

DENY yourself something

WASTE NOTHING



UNITED STATES
FOOD
ADMINISTRATION

FOOD BY
THE WAY?

OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Verlorenes — doch nicht vergessenes Land



Fns Herz sollst du dir graben
Dies Wort als wie in Stein:
Was wir verloren haben,
Darf nicht verloren sein!

Paul Warnke

A German postcard, produced about the time of the Treaty of Versailles, showing the land where Germans lived.

The areas in red are the lands given to other countries by the Treaty of Versailles, (including the land lost by Austria).

Its title is 'Lost but not forgotten land'.

The poem under the map reads:

You must carve in your heart
These words, as in stone -
What we have lost
Will be regained!

"The Treaty of Versailles: Historians Fighting Like Vicious Animals with No Thought for Innocent Bystanders"

- Historians have traditionally argued that the Treaty of Versailles was quite a **disaster**.
- As time goes on though, some historians are trying to show a more sophisticated attitude. While admitting that it is flawed, they argue that for the time period it was the **right decision**.



FIGURE 2—Rabid dog exhibiting aggressive behavior.

The Legacy of the Treaty of Versailles:

- Brought peace (sort of), but at the cost of happiness
- Germans were bitter, looking for revenge (can you say WWII?)
- Russians (never invited) stood on the outside looking in
- Colonies continued to long for independence from imperialism
- A hopeful world ended up bitterly disappointed

Angry Crowds Before the Reichstag (May 15, 1919)



"Down with the brutal peace!": Demonstrators in the Lustgarten (1919)





Coming Soon....