

The Treaty of Versailles: Signed on June 28, 1919

Territorial Provisions

Alsace-Lorraine is returned to France.

Poland is carved out of German territory.

The Saar Basin (very rich in coal) is turned over to France. France will control the mines.

Germany Loses its colonies in Africa and Asia. Given to Japan, France, and England as Mandates.

Military Restrictions on Germany

Army is limited to 100,000 men.

Manufacturing of war materials is banned.

Germany may have no warships, submarines, or airplanes.

The Rhineland was demilitarized. This area was declared NEUTRAL. Occupied by Allied troops.

The Map of Europe is Redrawn

Old boundaries are changed and NEW NATIONS are created to better reflect ETHNIC GROUPS and the principle of SELF DETERMINATION.

President Wilson's 14 Points

A plan for peace to correct past problems. No secret agreements or alliances.

Self Determination: right of people and nations to rule themselves.

League of Nations is created: International organization to settle disputes to avoid war.

Good intentions but was too weak to be effective. USA never joins.

War Guilt Clause: Reparations

Article 231: The war guilt clause. This places full blame and responsibility for the war on Germany.

Germany forced to pay **reparations**. Financial compensation for the cost of war. Total was about 33 billion dollars.