

PROJECT: CHANGE THE WORLD

A Treaty's Impact on the World

Treaties sometimes have unintended consequences. The Treaty of Versailles was a peace settlement signed at the end of World War I. It is so named because the accord was signed at the vast Palace of Versailles just outside of Paris. The Treaty of Versailles made Germany responsible for the war and imposed terms affecting Germany's land, money, and people. The treaty's harsh demands met with bitterness throughout Germany and placed a heavy burden on the Germany economy. These factors contributed to the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party, and helped set the stage for one of the most horrific times of war the world had ever known.

The Allies created the terms of the treaty that ultimately contained fifteen parts and four hundred and forty articles. Your goal will be to consider both the perspective of the Allies and the perspective of Germany.

Helpful Links:

<http://www.johndclare.net/EA2.htm>

<https://cmvtcivils.wordpress.com/2015/09/04/significance-and-fate-of-woodrow-wilsons-24-point-agreement-at-the-versailles-peace-conference/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zp3ncdm>

<https://listverse.com/2016/08/14/10-ways-world-war-i-affects-us-today/>

Part 1

Answer the following:

1) Identify the main ideas in the Treaty of Versailles.

a)

b)

c)

d)

2) What effects did the treaty have during the 1920s-1950s?

3) What effects has the treat had on modern times (2000-present)?

4) Compares and contrast Germany's point of view with the Allies regarding the Treaty of Versailles.

5) Do you think the treaty was fair?

