

Making the Peace

- I. Costs of War
 - a. Casualties
 - i. over 8.5 million dead
 - ii. over 17 million wounded
 - b. Famine
 - c. Influenza
 - i. 20 million people die from disease
 - d. Financial problems
 - i. Factories, homes, cities were destroyed
 - e. Political problems
 - i. Revolutions in Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary and Ottoman empire overthrew traditional governments
 - f. Unrest in colonies
 - i. Colonial soldiers lost fear of imperial powers
 - ii. Wanted independence and were upset they didn't get it
- II. Armistice
 - a. November 11, 1918 – war ends
 - i. Armistice – end of fighting
- III. Paris Peace Conference
 - a. Big Three
 - i. David Lloyd George – Britain
 - ii. Georges Clemenceau - France
 - iii. Woodrow Wilson – United States
 - 1. Fourteen Points
 - a. Plan for peace
 - b. Peace without victory
 - c. Nations determined by self determination
 - d. Limits on size of armies
 - e. Ban on total war and submarine warfare
 - f. Creation of international body to oversee peace
 - 2. Britain and France reject most of Wilson's ideas
 - b. League of Nations was adopted from Fourteen Points
 - i. Was supposed to allow for peaceful resolution to disputes.
 - ii. Too weak to influence governments
- IV. Treaty of Versailles
 - a. Germany was not allowed to participate in creation of peace treaty
 - b. Clauses
 - i. War Guilt clause
 - 1. Germany had to accept sole responsibility for the war
 - ii. Reparations
 - 1. Germany had to pay the allies for destruction of Allied property and people
 - iii. Military
 - 1. German army was limited to 100,000 men

- iv. Territory
 - 1. Germany lost Alsace, Lorraine, much of Eastern Germany and Danzig
- V. Other Settlements
 - a. New nations
 - i. Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Yugoslavia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary were all created
 - b. Mandate System
 - i. Colonies were administered by western powers
 - ii. When colonies modernized, they would be given independence
- VI. Unhappy people
 - a. Italy did not get lands it wanted on Adriatic coast
 - b. Japan did not get lands it wanted in China
 - c. Russia was not allowed to participate at Versailles
 - i. Opposed the creation of Poland and Baltic states