



After the War



Negotiations: “The Big Three”

- US: Woodrow Wilson
 - Wanted fairness and free trade
- GB: Lloyd George
 - Wanted Ger. as major trading partner again
 - Wanted to keep control of the ocean (strongest navy)
- FR: Georges Clemenceau
 - Wanted revenge on Germany



Treaty of Versailles

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- Signed June 28, 1919
- Between GER and Allied Powers
- Took more than 6 mo. to negotiate
- Resulted in a treaty that no country was completely happy with
- SEVERELY punishes GER!!!



Treaty of Versailles Result

- GER takes the blame
- GER loses 13% of land & natural resources
- Millions of GER now under foreign rule
- Had to pay billions in reparations (\$ owed to the Allied Powers)
- GB and US thought treaty was too harsh
- FR thought it wasn't harsh enough



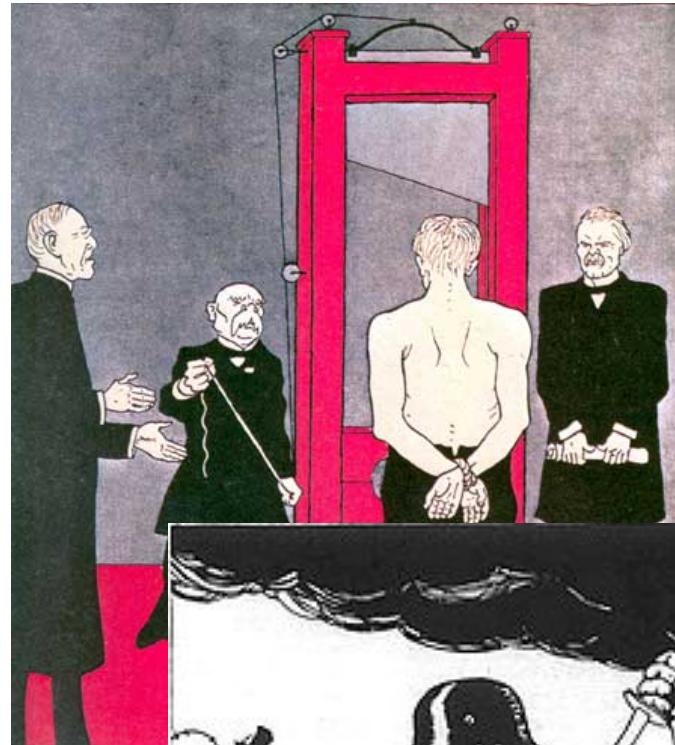
TURN & TALK

- At your table, discuss the following question with your partner:
- **How do you think the Treaty of Versailles will lead to WW2?**

Just in case you don't know, Germany started WW2!

Germany's Reaction

- GER's reaction to the treaty was VERY negative
- "Stab in the Back" legend
 - Conservative Germans believed it was not the military's fault that GER lost
 - Blamed the new government, Jews, Communists
 - Hitler used the legend in Nazi propaganda in the 1930's



League of Nations (L of N)

- League of Nations formed with the signing of the treaty
 - L of N: Countries come together to keep peace
- GER and RUS not allowed to join
 - RUS was communist now!
- U.S refused to join
 - Didn't want to get involved in European issues again
- U.S. not joining = L of N not successful
 - Unable to prevent WWII

