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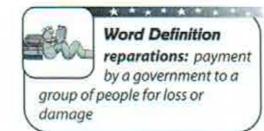
marks for the damage caused by the war (roughly \$400 billion in today's dollars)! Germany had to pay 132 billion German

Germany's military was significantly reduced. Its Army could only have 100,000 men ARMY

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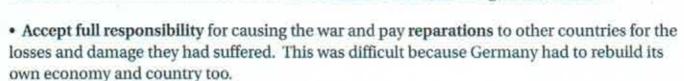
World War I had a profound effect on world history. Europe suffered terrible destruction, and nearly 22 million soldiers and civilians died. The results of this conflict ultimately led to economic crises, radical changes in government, and a decline in the power of many European countries. The world would never be the same!



The Treaty of Versailles

The treaty that ended World War I was known as the Treaty of Versailles. Signed in Versailles, France in 1919, it forced Germany to accept blame for the war. Germany was required to:

Give up one million square miles of land
 after the war. Some of the land had been seized
 by Germany prior to the war. Much of the land that
 was lost was rich in natural resources that could have been used to generate income.



 Limit its armed forces and stop production of nearly all war materials. It was also prohibited from uniting with Austria.

Germans greatly resented the restrictions put on it by the Treaty of Versailles, and began to rise up in protest as economic conditions worsened. Germany also became isolated from and distrusted by other countries.

The Treaty of Versailles also created the League of Nations, a group of nations that vowed to work together to ensure that a world war would never occur again. The United States Senate did not ratify the Treaty of Versailles and never became a member of the League of Nations. The League turned out to be weak because it had no enforcement powers.

