

The Treaty of Versailles





The Main Idea

- ◆ The end of World War I is important because of Congress' decision to not sign the Treaty because of the League of Nations.



The End of World War I

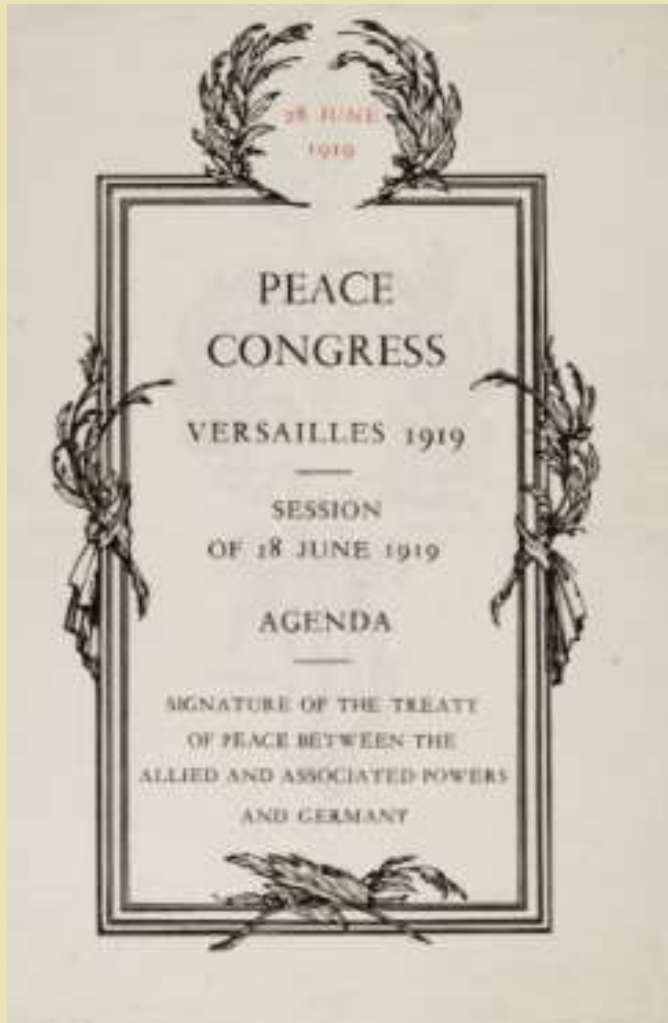
- ◆ When the war ended, the Allies each had their own opinions and agendas for post war Europe.
- ◆ Wilson wanted “peace without victory.”



Fourteen Points

- ◆ Woodrow Wilson's foreign policy.
- ◆ The Fourteen Points supported free trade, freedom of the seas, the end of foreign colonies, and national borders that respected different groups of people.

Treaty of Versailles



- ◆ Ended World War I.
- ◆ Created the League of Nations
 - Would also work to preserve peace between countries.
 - One of Wilson's Key Points



Trouble with the Treaty

- ◆ Wilson asked Congress to approve.
 - Wilson was a Democrat
- ◆ Congress was controlled by Republicans who did not support the League and would not approve the treaty.

Congress Opposed

- ◆ Congress believed that joining the League would limit US sovereignty.
 - US would be forced to get involved with European affairs.
- ◆ Senate Majority Leader Henry Cabot Lodge wanted many changes to the treaty.



Wilson Tried

- ◆ Wilson traveled the country trying to gain support. During his trip, he suffered a stroke.
- ◆ Congress never approved the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations would fail.





Creation of the Soviet Union

- ◆ In 1917, the Russian Revolution occurred.
- ◆ The Bolsheviks (Later Communists) will come to power.
- ◆ The United States supported an opponent of the Bolsheviks.
- ◆ This would lead to tension between the countries for much of the 20th century.



Order of Operations

- ◆ Complete the Treaty of Versailles Assignment