World War I
Outcome: The Fighting Ends
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1. The German War Machine
   a. Germany faced troubles in 1918
      i. A home front revolution forced the Kaiser into exile
      ii. Shortage of soldiers ("Iron Youth" was gone); mutiny in Navy
      iii. U.S. entry proved to be too much for them (fresh troops & morale)
Germany Surrenders

ARMISTICE IS SIGNED
GERMANY SURRENDERS

Washington, Nov. 11, 2:30 a.m.—Government at Washington officially announced the signing of the armistice by Germany, which occurred at 5:00 a.m., Paris time. Hostilities ceased at 11 a.m. News from Washington reached St. Paul, Minn., 36 seconds after announcement was made.

President Read Armistice Terms

"America Gains All She Fought For."

Kaiser Bill Flees to Holland

Big Parade at Brainerd
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b. November, 1918 Germany asked for an armistice
   i. Nov, 11, 1918 --> fighting stopped (Armistice Day)
   ii. The Allied Powers had won the Great War
   iii. An allied blockade of German ports continued until the treaty was signed

Where do we sign the treaty?
Peace Conference at Versailles
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2. Peace Conference --> Versailles, France (Jan. 1919)
   a. Major Participants (The Big Four)
      i. P. Minister David Lloyd George of Great Britain: sought $$$$$
      ii. Premier Georges Clemenceau of France: sought revenge
      iii. Vittorio Orlando of Italy: sought land promised to them earlier

   b. What resulted was a dictated peace --> Germany was not allowed inside, but hoped the peace would be based on Wilson’s plan
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c. Result = The Treaty of Versailles (June 28, 1919) (Product of compromise)
   i. New independent nations were formed in Europe
   ii. Empires were destroyed & ethnic groups were united
   iii. A League of Nations was formed to maintain peace and prevent future world wars (Wilson’s 14th Point)
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iv. Germany was blamed & punished for WWI (war-guilt clause)
   1. Asked to pay huge reparations ($33 billion)
   2. Forced to give up large amounts of land
   3. Massive disarmament left them w/only a defensive army
The Treaty was **REJECTED** at home, despite **Wilson’s** efforts

1. Many feared the “League” was just another **alliance**
2. The **U.S.** never joined; rejected by the U.S. **Senate** in 1920
3. Most Americans desired **Isolationism**
4. The U.S. made a separate peace treaty with **Germany** in 1921
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Result: This treaty planted the seeds of German bitterness after WWI that allowed for A. Hitler to rise to power and begin World War II.