

• End of WWI; Treaty of Versailles

- - Russia drops out of war by Oct 1917
- - Germany can fight on "one-front"
- - a huge German offensive in

Fall/Winter 1917-8 fails

- Americans arrive late 1917, early 1918
- Germany agrees to an "armistice", technically a temporary suspension of hostilities, a truce; on Nov. 11, 1918 (11th hour)

Treaty of Versailles

done in Paris, France

signed June 28, 1919

I. Run by US President

Woodrow Wilson, &

the Prime Ministers
of France

Georges Clemenceau

& Great Britain

David Lloyd George

II. Wilsons principles

A. "self-determination"

all peoples should be able to govern themselves

B. "peace w/o victory"

fair settlement w/ Germany

C. League of Nations

an international congress of nations meeting constantly to settle disputes around the globe

III. Allies principles

A. demand for revenge

Article 231 stated that sole responsibility of the war be placed on Germany

B. reparations/compensation

Germany had to pay for war damages

C. secret treaties...

W Wilson didn't know

about, Germany's overseas
empire had already
been divided up
importance

- Germany was not invited
but forced to sign
- Germans feel
"slapped in the face"
embarrassment
- German economy is
ruined

- US reverts back to isolationism,

US never joins

League of Nations

- Germans forced to rebuild in order to fix their economy

- Treaty is a failure,

another world war

starts 20 years later