World War I and the Russian Revolution

Section 4: Making the Peace
The Costs of War

- Influenza had spread among the troops at the end of the war and went home with them to their families and neighbors.
- The loss of lives from the flu and the war and the costs of rebuilding war-ravaged cities made some countries and colonies vulnerable to revolt.
Central Powers’ Casualties

Casualties of Mobilized Soldiers

Central Powers

Germany

- Died: 36%
- Taken prisoner: 10%
- Wounded and missing: 16%
- Unharmed: 38%

Austria-Hungary

- Died: 28%
- Taken prisoner: 11%
- Wounded and missing: 15%
- Unharmed: 46%

Source: Encyclopædia Britannica, 2004
Allied Casualties

Casualties of Mobilized Soldiers

**Allies**

- **British Empire**
  - Died: 10%
  - Wounded and missing: 27%
  - Taken prisoner: 6%
  - Unharmed: 65%

- **France**
  - Died: 16%
  - Wounded and missing: 51%
  - Taken prisoner: 24%
  - Unharmed: 21%

- **Russia**
  - Died: 14%
  - Wounded and missing: 41%
  - Taken prisoner: 21%
  - Unharmed: 24%

- **United States**
  - Died: 5%
  - Wounded and missing: 0.1%
  - Taken prisoner: 3%
  - Unharmed: 91.9%

**Source:** *Encyclopædia Britannica, 2004*
# Financial Costs of the War

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$ Represents $10 billion

SOURCE: The Harper Encyclopedia of Military History, R. Ernest Dupuy and Trevor N. Dupuy

* Includes war expenditures, property losses, and shipping losses
The Allies met in Paris to decide what the outcome of the war would be for Europe.

President Wilson wanted to advance his Fourteen Points, which would bring “peace without victory.”

The British Prime Minister wanted to rebuild England on a grand scale, while France’s leader wanted to see Germany punished.
The Treaty of Versailles

- Germany was forced to sign the Treaty of Versailles, which narrowed German borders and as well as saddling the country with the costs of war reparations.
- For a country whose economy was already reeling, the debt would prove too costly.
Other treaties also went into effect. In Eastern Europe, the Allies created new nations, such as Poland and Yugoslavia.

Previously German-ruled colonies in Africa and Asia were administered by other Western powers.

The League of Nations was also established, although without U.S. participation.