How would you feel if you were part of something, and got in trouble, but were the only one punished?

Versailles is a grand palace that had been the home to the Kings and Queens of France for many years. The palace is outside of Paris, France. At the end of WWI, the leaders of the countries involved on the war met there to write a treaty. The Treaty of Versailles explained who got what and who lost what. Most of the leaders involved blamed Germany and Kaiser Wilhelm for the war and they wanted Germany to suffer for it. Germany lost its important territories that were full of natural resources and it also lost its colonies. Kaiser Wilhelm was to be tried for war crimes. France and Great Britain wanted Germany to become a weak country that could not attack them again. They also wanted Germany’s army and navy to be reduced in size. The treaty also said the Germany had to pay reparations to repay the civilians who lost property in the war.

Guided Reading Questions:

1. What was the goal of France in the Treaty of Versailles?
2. Which part of the treaty was most damaging to Germany?
3. How did the allies hope to keep Germany from becoming powerful again?

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, France’s President Georges Clemenceau, Britain’s Prime Minister David Lloyd George, and Italy’s Prime Minister Vittorio Orlando.

3 parts of the treaty:

* Territorial
* Military
* Financial

Territorial:

* Germany lost 1/8 of their country, Saar and the Sudetenland
* Germany lost all its colonies
* France gained control of the Saar and Alsace-Lorraine
* Czechoslovakia gained the Sudetenland’s mountains
* 11 new nations were created:

1. Austria
2. Hungary
3. Czechoslovakia
4. Poland
5. Yugoslavia
6. Albania
7. Turkey
8. Finland
9. Latvia
10. Estonia
11. Lithuania

Military:

1. Germany could only have a professional army- 12 years of service
2. No tanks, no subs, no heavy weapons, no air force
3. Navy was to be watched by the British
4. No troops in the Rhine River- border of France and Germany

Financial: worst part

1. Germany was forced to pay $56 billion in war debts to the allies.

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