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- Removed hundreds of square miles of territory from western & eastern Germany
- Stripped Germany of its overseas colonies
- Germany signed the treaty because they had no choice
- Germany’s resentment of the Treaty of Versailles would eventually lead to World War II

Outcome of the Peace Settlement

- New nations in Eastern Europe emerged out of the former German, Austrian, & Russian empires
- Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, & Yugoslavia were created following the war
- Colonial leaders who expected that the peace treaty would bring an end to imperial rule felt betrayed by the peacemakers when they were not granted self-rule
- The League of Nations failed because the United States refused to join & it was too weak to stop new wars from starting

Immediate Effects of World War I

- Enormous cost in lives & property
- Revolution in Russia & communism in the Soviet Union
- Creation of new nations in Eastern Europe
- German reparations
- German loss of overseas colonies
- Creation of the League of Nations
- People are disillusioned

Long-Term Effects of World War I

- Economic impact of war debts on Europe
- Stronger central governments
- Emergence of U.S. & Japan as important powers
- Growth of nationalism in colonies
- Rise of fascism
- Increased anti-Semitism in Germany
- World War II