



## Treaty of Versailles

Recently, the anniversary of the **Treaty of Versailles** was observed which was signed on **28th June 1919**, at the **Palace of Versailles**, in Paris, France.

- It was one of the treaties that officially ended **five years** of conflict known as the [World War I \(1914-18\)](#).
- The Treaty mentioned the conditions of peace between **Germany and the victorious Allies**, led by the **United States, France, and the United Kingdom**.
- The **war guilt clause** of the treaty forced **Germany and other Central Powers** (like **Austria-Hungary**) to take all the blame for **World War I**.
- This led to the **loss of territories, reduction in military forces, and reparation payments** to **Allied powers** by **Germany**.
- **Disintegration of the German population** was later used by **Hitler** to justify German aggression and expansion.
- It further posed severe risks to the entire European economy which led to the [Great Depression of 1929](#).
- The treaty caused resentment among Germans who saw it as a **dictated peace** and is considered one of the reasons for [World War II](#).
- Also, the treaty led to the formation of the [League of Nations](#).

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