

## WORLD WAR I: BEGINNING TO END

### Causes:

1. Nationalism
2. Militarism
3. Imperialism
4. Entangling Alliances
5. Lack of international organization for peace.
6. International Anarchy
7. International Crises

**THE GREAT WAR**

**THE WAR TO END  
ALL WARS**

**SAVE THE WORLD  
FOR DEMOCRACY**

### Armistice:

November 11, 1918

### Primary Sources:

#### Correspondent's Report:

“last night, for the first time since August in the first year of the war, there was no light of gunfire in the sky, no sudden stab of flame through the darkness, no long, spreading glow above the black trees where for four years of night human beings were being smashed to death.”

#### Wilson (USA):

“...the free peoples of the world must draw together in some common covenant, some genuine and practical cooperation that will in effect combine their forces to secure peace and justice in the dealings of nations with one another. The brotherhood of man must no longer be a fair but empty phrase; it must be given a structure of force and reality.”

#### Poincare (France):

“For the misery and sadness of yesterday the peace must be a reparation...against the dangers of tomorrow, it must be a guarantee.”

#### Clemenceau (France):

“Fourteen points! the good Lord Himself had only Ten!”

“Our cities and towns have been devastated. Everyone says rightly that, ‘It must not happen again.’ I think so too.”

**Lloyd George (Great Britain):**

“(The terms of the treaty)...may be severe...but at the same time they can be so that the country on which they are imposed will feel in its heart that it has no right to complain. But injustice, arrogance, displayed in the hour of triumph will never be forgotten or forgiven.”

**German Delegation at Versailles Conference:**

“Yielding to overpowering might, the government of the German Republic declares itself ready to accept and to sign the peace treaty imposed by the Allied and Associated Governments. But in doing so, the government of the German Republic in no wise abandons its conviction that these conditions of peace represent injustice without example.” Paris, June 23, 1919

**Wilson, Paris, June 25, 1919:**

“Gentlemen, the select classes of mankind are no longer the governors of mankind. The fortunes of mankind are now in the hands of the plain people of the whole world...We are here to see, in short, that the very foundations of this war are swept away. Those foundations were the private choice of small coteries of civil rulers and military staffs. Those foundations were the aggression of great powers upon small. Those foundations were the folding together of empires of unwilling subjects by the duress of arms. Those foundations were the power of small bodies of men to work their will and use mankind as a pawn.”

***Deutsche Zeitung* (German News), June 28, 1919:**

“Vengeance! German nation! Today in the Hall of Mirrors of Versailles, the disgraceful treaty is being signed. Do not forget it! In the place where, in the glorious year of 1871, the German empire in all its glory had its origin, today, German honor is being carried to its grave. Do not forget it! The German People will, with unceasing labor, press forward to reconquer the place among the nations to which it is entitled. There will come vengeance for the same of 1919.”

**AJP Taylor, *The Origins of the Second World War*, p. 32**

“The peace of Versailles lacked moral validity from the start. It had to be enforced; it did not, as it were, enforce itself.”

**THE ROAD TO WORLD WAR II...**