

End of the War / Canada's 100 Days

Last Ditch Effort by Germany

- Russia surrenders in Jan 1918
 - o Bolshevik Revolution (*Czar dies, Russia's Communist etc*)
 - o Two front war eliminated
 - US mobilization nearly complete
 - British naval blockade having an effect (population starving)
 - *Germans motivated to act by US entrance. In no time, 100,000's of US troops would arrive*

Canada's Hundred Days

- German army gained 48 km
 - o Pushed back 13 by Canadian troops / Aussies
 - o Distinction of removing last German stronghold, the Hindenburg Line
 - o Germans ask for armistice, early November, once *French town Cambrai falls (November 11, 1918)*
 - o *Okay, we all say hooray Canada, right? But were we just the meat against the wall that nobody else wanted to throw once the war was for all intents and purpose over.... Let's not go there. (it's like the first line in traditional warfare... they always die)*

Paris Peace Settlement(Ceasefire Conditions)

- o (**Treaty of Versailles** additions in bold)
- extremely hard terms on the Germans *p.43 Textbook*
 - o immediately evacuate all territories captured during the war and all overseas colonies (*hypocritical on part of British, French and Americans, as their policies of aggression were no better... course they won so*)
 - o withdraw all troops 10 km east of the Rhine and leave all artillery, machine guns, trucks etc.

- surrender navy and all merchant ships (navy to six pre-1905 ships)
- compensate the Allies for war damages (\$30 billion)
- surrender most of its railway rolling stock and locomotives to France and Belgium
- army to 100,000 men and no conscription
- abandon air force ; cease building subs/tanks
- *admit responsibility (war guilt clause - Article 231)*
- Canadian gov't believed terms to harsh / Citizens ambivalent
 - Germans not allowed to attend negotiations / call it the *diktat* (harsh terms imposed)
 - Canada will sign as independent nation / become member of League of Nations
 - War would have resumed if Germany hadn't agreed