

Use the given sources and your background knowledge to answer the following questions.

Source: German Territorial Losses, Versailles Treaty, 1919. Map created from various sources.



Note: The Treaty took coal-producing areas away from Germany, reducing German coal production by 40%.

1. What territories did Germany lose due to the Versailles Treaty?
2. East Prussia remained part of Germany. How do you think the loss of the Polish Corridor and Danzig might have affected Germany?
3. In what way might life have been difficult for Germans living in the lost territories?

Source: Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf*, 1924.

It should scarcely seem questionable to anyone that ... the restoration of the frontiers of 1914 could be achieved only by blood. Only childish and naive minds can lull themselves in the idea that they can bring about a correction of Versailles by wheedling and begging.... No nation can remove this hand from its throat except by the sword.

Note: Adolf Hitler published *Mein Kampf* ("My Struggle") in 1924, well before he came to power but when he was beginning to make his mark as a German political figure.

4. How does Hitler suggest Germans should respond to the Versailles Treaty?

By a date which must not be later than March 31, 1920, the German Army must not comprise more than seven divisions of infantry and three divisions of cavalry.... After that date the total number of [military troops]...in...Germany must not exceed one hundred thousand men, including officers.... The Army shall be devoted exclusively to the maintenance of order within the territory and to the control of the frontiers.... The total effective strength of officers, including the personnel of staffs, whatever their composition, must not exceed four thousand.

Translations:

Frankreich (France)

Belgien (Belgium)

Deutsches Reich (Germany)

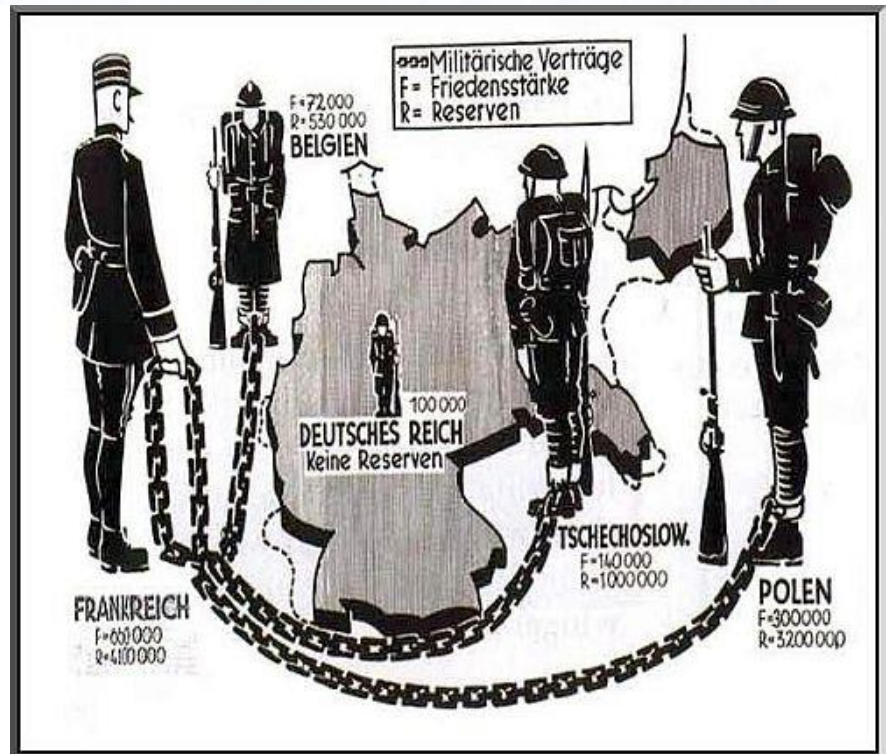
Tschechoslow (Czechoslovakia)

Polen (Poland)

Friedensstärke (peacekeepers;
full-time military troops)

Reserven (military reserves
available when required)

Militärische Verträge (military
alliances)



5. What is the total number of German military troops allowed by Article 160 of the Versailles Treaty?

6. How does Article 160 define the role of the army?

7. What is implied by the imagery showing the chain held by the large figure representing France?

8. Who is the figure crawling out of the treaty scroll in the cartoon from 1930?

9. What do you think is the main idea of the cartoon?

