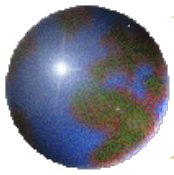


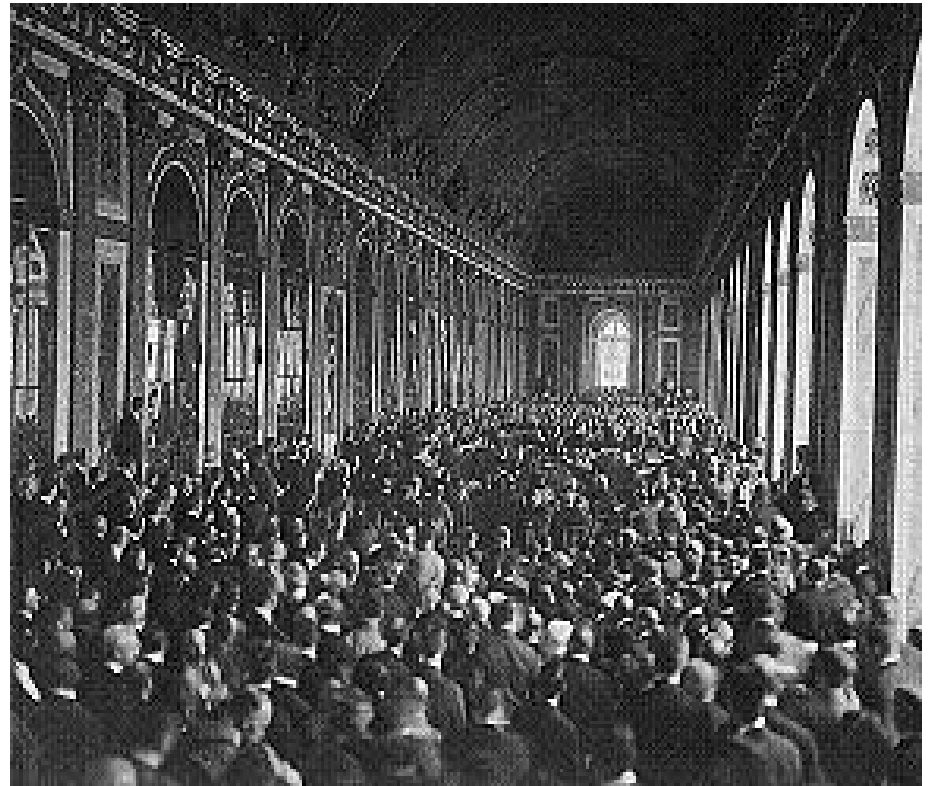
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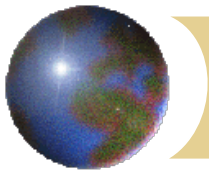
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Where Scholarship Started

- ❖ Versailles Peace Treaty – Article 231
- ❖ From Fritz Fischer to the fall of the wall
- ❖ Transitioning from contemporary politics to a historical perspective

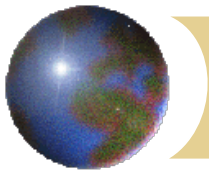




Where Scholarship Progressed

- ✦ Viewing events prior to 1914; as far back as 1870
- ✦ Writers focus less on Germany and more on Great Britain
- ✦ Collective blame

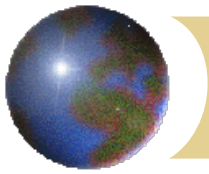




Why we care a hundred years later?

- ❖ To ensure conference tables are used more than battlefields
- ❖ Avoid repeating history
- ❖ Stepping stone for future conflicts and 'ism's'
- ❖ Ongoing debates





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