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## Treaty of Versailles

Look over the following abridged version of the Treaty of Versailles. Use it to construct answers for the questions below.

Article number	Description
1-26:	The Covenant of the League of Nations - Germany was not allowed to join.
42:	The Rhineland was demilitarised - the German army was not allowed to go there.
45:	The Saar, with its rich coalfields, given to France for 15 years.
51:	Alsace-Lorraine returned to France.
80:	Germany forbidden to unite with Austria.
87:	Lands in eastern Germany - the rich farmlands of Posen and the Polish corridor between Germany and East Prussia - given to Poland.
100:	Danzig made a free city under League of Nations control.
119:	All Germany's colonies taken and given to France and Britain as 'mandates'.
160:	The German army restricted to 100,000 men.
181:	The German navy restricted to six battleships and no submarines.
198:	Germany not allowed to have an air force.
231:	Germany was responsible for causing all the loss and damage caused by the war.
232:	Germany would have to pay reparations, to be decided later - eventually set at 132 billion gold marks.

1. Article 232 required Germany to pay 132 billion gold marks in reparations. How much is that in USD or RMB today?
2. Explain how the rest of the treaty (1-231) made it harder for Germany to pay that amount.
3. Article 231 forced Germany to claim full responsibility for war—do you think they were responsible? Which countries started WWI?
4. Article 119 gave German colonies to France and Great Britain—what do you think the Treaty should have done with Germany's colonies?
5. Do you think the Treaty of Versailles was fair or unfair? Choose 3 articles and explain why you agree or disagree with them.