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**A Look Back…The Treaty of Versailles**

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* Territorial losses from Germany in Europe
* Germany must surrender all oversees colonies
* Limits German military
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**Il Duce**

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  + Based on totalitarianism (one party rule)
  + Belief in racial superiority
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