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Q → what effect did the first world war have on Germany?

- Ans:-
- i) From a continent of creditors, Europe turned into one of debtors. Unfortunately, the infant Weimar Republic was being made to pay for the sins of the old empire.
  - ii) The republic carried the burden of war guilt & national humiliation & was financially crippled by being forced to pay compensation.



- iii) soldiers came to be placed above civilians.
- iv) The media glorified trench life, the truth, however, was that soldiers lived miserable lives in these trenches, trapped with rats feeding on corpses. They faced poisonous gas & enemy shelling, & witnessed their ranks reduce rapidly.
- v) Aggressive war propaganda & national honour occupied centre stage in the public sphere, while popular support grew for conservative dictatorships that had recently come into being.

Who were November Criminals? Why were they called so?

November criminals were <sup>mainly</sup> the Socialists, Catholics & Democrats. They were called so, mockingly, because they supported the Weimar Republic.

What do you mean by armistice day?

The end of the first world war came to be called as armistice day.