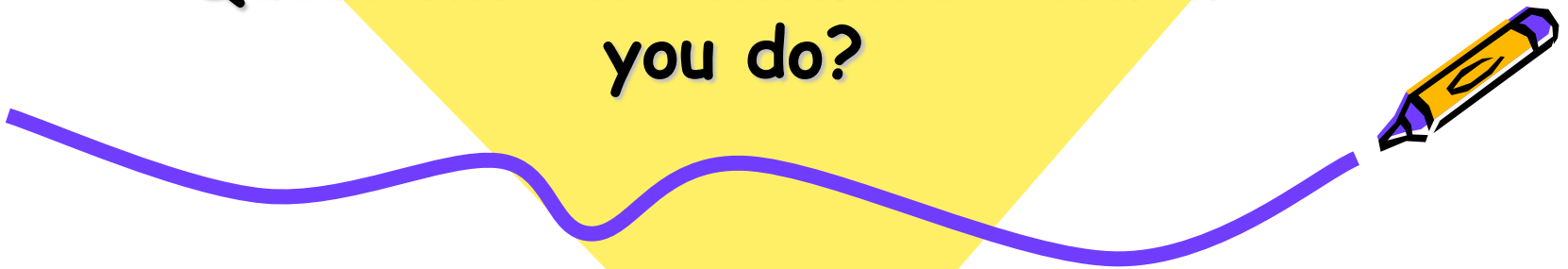




# The League of Nations

Questions and **answers**: how will you do?



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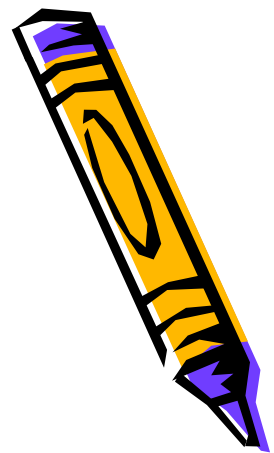
Geneva, Switzerland.

When was it set up? 1919

Who was in it? 42 countries at 1<sup>st</sup>. By the 1930s -50 countries in it.

# Who was not in it? Why?

USA - Senate refused to allow the USA to join. USSR - not allowed to join. Germany - not allowed to join.



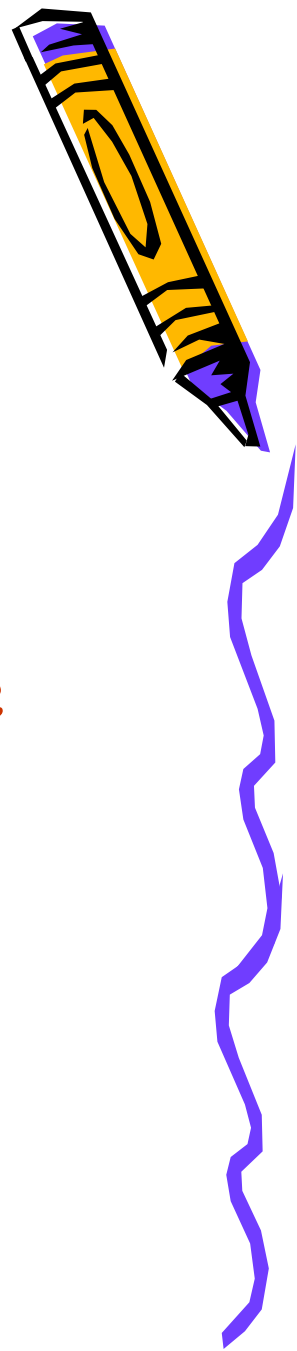
# How would they prevent war?

**Covenant** - a list of 26 points / rules all League members had to agree to.

**Collective security** - promised to stick together and defend all countries, large or small.

# How would they make people stick to the rules?

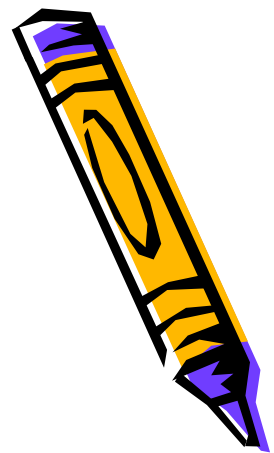
**Investigate** incidents, **condemn** them (say they were wrong) & use **economic sanctions**. **NO ARMY** but could use a member's army.



Who were the most powerful countries? Britain and France.

Did the excluded countries ever join?

Yes - **Germany**, from 1926 - 1933.  
- **USSR**, from 1934 - 1939.  
USA never joined.



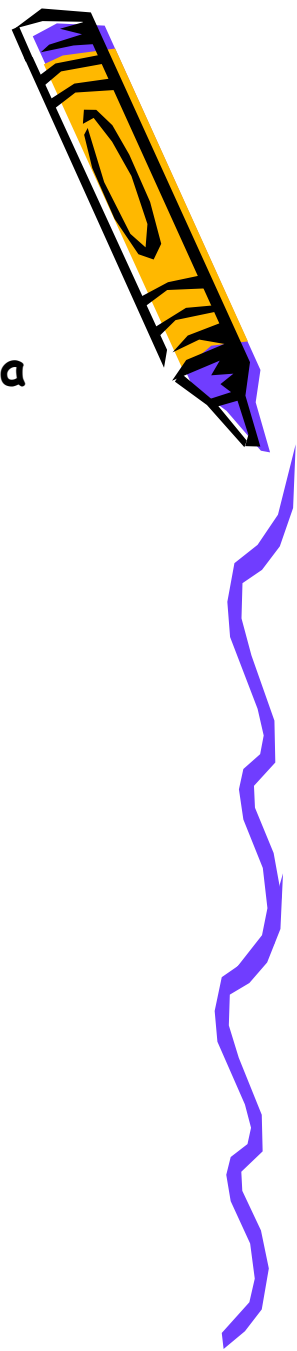
# How was it run?

**Council:** smaller group which met, usually in an emergency:

**Permanent Council** of Britain, France, Italy and Japan. All had a veto to stop the Council acting.

**Temporary Council members** - voted in for 3 years at a time. Anywhere between 4-9 temporary members.

**Assembly** - League's Parliament. 1 member / country. Could recommend to the Council what to do. Only met once a year. Decisions had to be **unanimous**.



**Secretariat** - kept records of what the League did

## Permanent Court of International Justice

could give a decision on border rows & legal advice to the Council & Assembly.

**ILO** International Labour Organisation. Wanted to improve working conditions throughout the world.

## Refugees Committee

- helped return refugees to their homelands after WWI.



# • Slavery Commission

worked to get rid of slavery.

# • Health Committee

tried to educate people about diseases and how to be healthy.

# • Mandates Commission

made sure that GB & France did not take advantage of the former German colonies they ruled over as mandates.

