• **USA never joined**
  - Americans didn’t want to get involved in European disputes
  - To join the L of N had to sign T of V
  - German migrants in USA – didn’t want to sign T of V as it had been harsh of G
  - Americans wanted a return to “normalicy”
  - USA = major power
  - Without USA L of N = great trouble
  - E.g. USA was needed when Italy was preparing to invade Abyssinia – L of N didn’t impose the ban of oil sales to Italy for fear America would not agree to it

• **Soviet Union did not join**
  - Were Communist + not invited

• **Germany**
  - not invited + other defeated countries
  - Showed L of N to be winners club
  - The loss on these international powers = (even though the Soviet Union and Germany joined later) major implications