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Could the Versailles System have Worked?

A helpful GCSE and A Level Guide to one of 20th Century History's most pivotal events. This guide discusses in a clear and concise manner the objectives of the British, French and Germans at the Treaty of Versailles. A follow up volume: America, Japan and the Arabs at Versailles will be published soon.

The Versailles Treaty, 1919

Discusses the reasons behind World War I, the peacemaking process that led to the Treaty of Versailles, and the what the treaty itself said.

Der überforderte Frieden


The Economic Consequences of the Peace

Consequences of Peace: The Versailles Settlement - Aftermath and Legacy. This final volume in the Paris Peace Conference series will evaluate the immediate and later effects of the last great peace gathering which sought to settle the world's affairs at a stroke - something that was not attempted after either the Second World War or the Cold War. The Versailles settlement has not enjoyed a great reputation. It has been blamed for causing a second major conflict within a generation, thus apparently fulfilling Marshal Foch's gloomy prediction that "This is not a peace, it is an injustice for twenty years." More recently commentators have suggested that the post-1989 ethnic disturbances in the Balkans and on the fringes of the former Soviet Union are "the old chickens of Versailles coming home to roost." The contemporary world still struggles to come to terms with the implications of President Woodrow Wilson's troublesome principle of national self-determination, and remains embroiled in the ambiguities and complexities of the Middle East, an area for whose boundaries and problems the Great War and settlement bear significant responsibility. We are also still seeking to realise more effectively some of the nobler ambitions of the peacemakers, expressed in the Covenant of the League of Nations, in their concern for the human rights of minority nationalities left on the wrong side of the new borders that they sanctioned, and in their attempt to extend criminal responsibility for war beyond the operational irregularities of combatants to political and military leaders. Ninety years on, the settlement still casts a long shadow.

The Treaty of Peace Between the Allied & Associated Powers and Germany, with Amendments, and Other Treaty Engagements Signed at Versailles, June 28, 1919, Together with the Reply of the Allied and Associated Powers to the Observations of the German Delegation, Etc

Walter McDougall offers an original analysis of Versailles diplomacy from the standpoint of the power that had the most direct interest and took the first initiatives in the search for a solution to the German problem. The author's new view of the struggle for execution or revision of the Versailles treaty holds sober implications for assessment of the political origins of international anarchy during the 1930s and European integration in the 1950s. He shows that the Treaty of Versailles was unenforceable, and that the French postwar government, far from enjoying predominance in Europe, suffered from financial crisis and economic and political inferiority to Germany. Versailles was thus the "Boche" peace, and the only path to a stable Europe seemed to lie through permanent restriction of Germany's economic and political unity. Originally published in 1978. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.
Central America and the Treaty of Versailles

Treaty of Versailles: A Primary Document Analysis
This text scrutinizes the motives, actions, and constraints that informed decision making by the various politicians who bore the principal responsibility for drafting the Treaty of Versailles.

Die große Illusion
Published just months after the Versailles Treaty was signed, The Economic Consequences of the Peace is a devastating critique of allied leaders and the reparations imposed on Germany and Austria in the aftermath of WWI. These essays assess the importance of Keynes’s book, both historically and in its relevance for the challenges we face today.

The Treaty of Versailles
At the conclusion of ‘the war to end war’, the victorious powers set about redesigning the world map at the Paris Peace Conference. For China, Versailles presented an opportunity to regain territory lost to Japan at the start of the war. Yet, despite early encouragement from the world’s superpowers, the country was to be severely disappointed. In this First World War China Special Paul French explores China’s betrayal by the West, the charismatic advocates it sent to the conference and the hugely significant May Fourth Movement that resulted from the treaty.

The Treaty of Versailles, 1919

The Treaty of Versailles
A Perfidious Distortion of History
Given the atmosphere of the time, given the passions aroused in all democracies by years of war, it would have been impossible even for supermen to devise a peace of moderation and righteousness. ••• human error is a permanent and not a periodic factor in history. Harold Nicolson, writing in 1933 of the Treaty of Versailles 1 Although the period of history from 1918 to 1925 has been the subject of considerable analysis and interpretation by historians, journalists, and students of international politics, there are certain aspects of this postwar era which are greatly in need of further study and evaluation. The occupation of the Ruhr area of Germany by French and Belgian troops in 1923 is one of these. While it is not the intention of the present writer to deal definitively or exhaustively with all possible sources, either for the era in general or for the Ruhr episode itself, he does seek to note and compare some influential French, British, German, and American attitudes.

Britain, France and Germany and the Treaty of Versailles
Signed on June 28, 1919 between Germany and the principal Allied powers, the Treaty of Versailles formally ended World War I. Problematic from the very beginning, even its contemporaries saw the treaty as a mediocre compromise, creating a precarious order in Europe and abroad and destined to fall short of ensuring lasting peace. At the time, observers read the treaty through competing lenses: a desire for peace after five years of disastrous war, demands for vengeance against Germany, the uncertain future of colonialism, and, most alarmingly, the emerging threat of Bolshevism. A century after its signing, we can look back at how those developments evolved through the twentieth century, evaluating the treaty and its consequences with unprecedented depth of perspective. The author of several award-winning books, Michael S. Neiberg provides a lucid and authoritative account of the Treaty of Versailles, explaining the enormous challenges facing those who tried to put the world back together after the global destruction of the World War I. Rather than assessing winners and losers, this compelling book analyzes the many subtle factors that influenced the treaty and the dominant, at times ambiguous role of the “Big Four” leaders: Woodrow Wilson of the United States, David Lloyd George of Great Britain, Vittorio Emanuele Orlando of Italy, and Georges Clémenceau of France. The Treaty of Versailles was not solely responsible for the catastrophic war that crippled Europe and the world just two decades later, but it played a critical role. As Neiberg reminds us, to understand decolonization, World War II, the Cold War, and even the complex world we inhabit today, there is no better place to begin than with World War I and the
treaty that tried, and perhaps failed, to end it. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

**The Treaty of Versailles and After**

Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 27. Chapters: Treaty of Versailles, Treaty of Sèvres, Headly Twins, Luke McNamah, Pecan Equality Proposal, 1919, Peacemakers: The Paris Peace Conference of 1919 and Its Attempt to End War, Treaty of Neuilly-sur-Seine, Commission of Responsibilities, Czech Corridor, List of participants to Paris Peace Conference, 1919, Agreement between the Allied and Associated Powers with Regard to the Contribution to the Cost of Liberation of the Territories of the Former Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, Supreme Economic Council. Excerpt: The Treaty of Versailles was one of the peace treaties at the end of World War I. It ended the state of war between Germany and the Allied Powers. It was signed on 28 June 1919, exactly five years after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. The other Central Powers on the German side of World War I were dealt with in separate treaties. Although the armistice signed on 11 November 1918 ended the actual fighting, it took six months of negotiations at the Paris Peace Conference to conclude the peace treaty. The treaty was registered by the Secretariat of the League of Nations on October 21, 1919, and was printed in The League of Nations Treaty Series. Of the many provisions in the treaty, one of the most important and controversial required Germany to accept responsibility for causing the war (along with Austria and Hungary, according to the Treaty of Saint-Germain-en-Laye and the Treaty of Trianon) and, under the terms of articles 231–248 (later known as the War Guilt Clauses), to disarm, make substantial territorial concessions and pay heavy reparations to certain countries that had formed the Entente powers. The total cost of these reparations was assessed at 132 billion Marks (then $31.4 billion, 6.6 billion) in 1923 which is roughly equivalent to US $442 billion and UK 217 billion in 2011, a sum

**Betrayal in Paris**

Published in the German language, this is the infamous Main Kampf, by Adolf Hitler.

**Höllensturz**

Designed to secure a lasting peace between the Allies and Germany, the Versailles Settlement soon came apart at the seams. In After The Versailles Treaty an international team of historians examines the almost insuperable challenges facing victors and vanquished alike after the ravages of WWI. This is not another diplomatic history, instead focusing on the practicalities of treaty enforcement and compliance as western Germany came under Allied occupation and as the reparations bill was presented to the defeated and bankrupt Germans. It covers issues such as: How did the Allied occupiers conduct themselves and how did the Germans respond? Were reparations really affordable and how did the reparations regime affect ordinary Germans? What lessons did post-WW2 policymakers learn from this earlier reparations settlement The fraught debates over disarmament as German big business struggled to adjust to the sudden disappearance of arms contracts and efforts were made on the international stage to achieve a measure of global disarmament. The price exacted by the redrawing of frontiers on Germany’s eastern and western margins, as well as the (gentler) impact of the peace settlement on identity in French Flanders. This book was previously published as a special issue of Diplomacy and Statecraft

**The Treaty of Versailles: A Very Short Introduction**

**The Versailles Treaty**

They were in the United States’ backyard, and in some cases under her direct protection. So in many ways it was little surprise when Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama and Honduras joined the war on the Allied side in 1917 and 1918. Their involvement in the war was minimal, indeed scarcely noticeable, but it was enough. It earned these small relatively powerless nations—in Haiti’s case barely a functioning state—an invitation to sit alongside the Great Powers at the Paris Peace Conference of 1919 and sign the Treaty of Versailles.

**Versailles in Liquidation**

This story takes place in the late 1930s, early 1940s, with World War II raging in Europe and the Pacific. The story of "Hitler's Revenge" is about the forced guilt Hitler perceived and indeed was placed on the German people, for starting World War I in the first place, and all the destruction that followed. In 1939, in order to "pay back" the world for the 1919 Treaty of Versailles, the German, Nazi occupation of Europe, started in Czechoslovakia, and eventually grew to nearly two-thirds of Europe during the early 1940s. The story also highlights the Secret Operation code-named "ANTHROPOID," which included the participation of the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), who at this time was named the Office of Strategic Services (O.S.S.).

**Treaty Of Versailles Study**

Issues such as the Versailles Treaty and its role in the rise of Hitler, the 'End of History', trench warfare, and the capacity for individual commanders to change the course of the battle, will be addressed within. This compilation is accessible to the novice, yet useful to the expert. It is concise, yet densely packed with knowledge that could prevent
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**The Versailles Treaty and its Legacy**

Recent origin of subject. A study on Contracts and Peace Treaties does not require a historical introduction because the problem is of a very recent origin. With regard to its present day importance it is remarkable that the subject found hardly ever expression in any Peace Treaty before 1919. One has only to go back to the Peace Treaties of World War I to find the first detailed provisions relating to contracts between enemies. The text of the relevant articles of the Treaties of the Versailles group is identical. Art. 299 Treaty of Versailles corresponds with art. 251 Treaty of St. Germain, with art. 180 Treaty of Neuilly, with art. 234 Treaty of Trianon. The Treaty of Lausanne of 1923 with Turkey which replaced the unratified Treaty of Sevres, was similar in outline but differed in some material aspects. Presently we shall see that the Treaty of Brest-Litowsk and the other eastern Peace Treaties did not prescribe any alterations in the municipal law of the Signatory Powers. The Peace Treaties of World War II concluded at Paris in 1947 with Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland contain also a number of identical provisions on contracts, Annex XVI of the Treaty with Italy corresponds with Annex V of the other Treaties. Anglo-Saxon origin of Treaty provisions.

**Consequences of Peace**

The Treaty of Versailles imposed conditions upon Germany that led directly to the collapse of its currency and economy. The United States was directly involved in, and essential to, the economic recovery of Germany following World War I. The political and security concerns prevented Germany's neighbors from taking a lead in the recovery effort, which, along with the strong economy in the United States led to American leadership of the recovery effort. There were two major undertakings led by the United States, first the Dawes Plan which balanced the German budget and stabilized the currency, and second the Young Plan which attempted to establish a final amount of reparations that Germany was required to pay. Throughout this process, the United States maintained control over European war debt and additional loans to Germany, which gave the United States influence over the global economy. This came to an end during the Great Depression, as the United States began to extricate itself from the global economy. CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION * CHAPTER 2 THE BACKGROUND * CHAPTER 3 THE DAWES PLAN * CHAPTER 4 THE YOUNG PLAN AND AMERICAN PROTECTIONISM * CHAPTER 5 WHAT DOES IT MEAN? * CHAPTER 6 CONCLUSION The purpose of this thesis is to identify the lessons that can be learned from the post-World War I efforts to stabilize the German economy, as well as how those lessons might be applied to future post-conflict stability efforts. The primary research question is: What were the economic impacts of the Dawes Plan, Young Plan, and the Smoot-Hawley Act on the post-war economic stabilization of the Weimar Republic? Secondarily, the research will address the following questions: How did these economic policies impact the success/failure of the Weimar Republic? What were the immediate impacts of the Versailles Treaty, and why were subsequent plans necessary? What did the Dawes Plan attempt to accomplish? What did the Young Plan attempt to accomplish? How did the Smoot-Hawley Act affect Germany? The answers to these questions establish a body of knowledge relevant to the current dilemma facing the United States as operations across the globe enter the post-conflict phase where economic stability becomes paramount to the future of those regions.

**Britain**

Discusses the drafting, approval, signing, and deeply felt effects of the Treaty of Versailles, one of the most famous treaties in history.

**American Influence on Post-World War I Recovery of Germany - U. S. Leadership Under the Treaty of Versailles Including the Dawes Plan and the Young Plan on War Reparations with American Protectionism**

**Die wirtschaftlichen Folgen des Friedensvertrages**

**The Treaty Of Versailles**

This book explores the significance of the post-First World War peace settlement negotiated at Versailles in 1919. Versailles has always been a controversial subject and it has long been contended that the Treaty imposed unnecessarily severe conditions upon the defeated nations, particularly Germany, and in large part can be held responsible for the outbreak of war in 1939. This book considers the critical question as to whether the Treaty of Versailles established a new international settlement that could produce a peaceful and prosperous Europe, something that many have alleged was impossible. In an exhaustive analysis of the events that followed the Paris Peace Conference, Howard Elcock argues that the Versailles Treaty created a more stable diplomatic framework than has commonly been recognised, and challenges the traditional understanding that the delegates at Versailles can be held responsible for the failure to secure long-term peace in Europe.

**Contracts and Peace Treaties**
In Between The Wars Mr Somervell examines those twenty-one years of uneasy peace which elapsed between the First and Second World Wars, and analyses the gradual deterioration in international relations which marked the period. The victorious, all-powerful Allies of 1919, by founding the League of Nations with its prospects of open diplomacy and its machinery for negotiation, hoped to set up new standards of behaviour between sovereign states and eliminated war as a method of settling disputes. How were these good intentions thwarted? Why did a second catastrophe engulf Europe in 1939? Mr Somervell ranges widely over world events of the inter-war years in his search for answers to these questions. He shows how in most countries democracy, that form of Government which the creators of the Versailles Treaty fervently hoped to secure in the world, seldom imposed a rational will on its statesmen; on the contrary, public opinion inclined to the extremes of apathy and hysteria. He also demonstrates how the discoverers of misapplied science offered tempting new weapons to fanatical dictators avid for world power. We have just lived through the war that resulted from that epoch of muddle and drift; now is the moment for us to examine it critically as a chapter of history. Mr Somervell offers us valuable help in his detached and lucid survey.

The Treaty of Versailles

An attendee at the ill-fated Versailles Conference, John Maynard Keynes had a front-row seat for the negotiations that would squander a peace and sow discord across a continent. One of his best-written works, ‘The Economic Consequences of the Peace’ was key in propelling Keynes to prominence. Published in 1919, it gained notoriety owing to its withering portraits of both French premier Georges Clemenceau and US president Woodrow Wilson. A best seller throughout the world, it was instrumental in creating the perception of the Germans as unfairly treated after the First World War. This in turn was crucial in prompting public support for appeasement, so that both the Treaty - and his eloquent criticisms of it - form a key part of the background to both World Wars I and II.

Keynes's Economic Consequences of the Peace


The German Reaction to the Versailles Treaty

This study, a realist interpretation of the long diplomatic record that produced the coming of World War II in 1939, is a critique of the Paris Peace Conference and reflects the judgment shared by many who left the Conference in 1919 in disgust amid predictions of future war. The critique is a rejection of the idea of collective security, which Woodrow Wilson and many others believed was a panacea, but which was also condemned as early as 1915. This book delivers a powerful lesson in treaty-making and rejects the supposition that treaties, once made, are unchangeable, whatever their faults.

After the Versailles Treaty

Paris Peace Conference 1919

Keen to learn but short on time? Get to grips with the history of the Treaty of Versailles in next to no time with this concise guide. 50MINUTES provides a clear and engaging analysis of the Treaty of Versailles. The First World War had left Europe in a state of almost total devastation. Eager to seek revenge, the Allied powers came together to draft the Treaty of Versailles, which would see Germany pay reparations to the victors and the borders of former Empires redrawn. It was, however, a flawed agreement, and its economic and political consequences would be disastrous. In just 50 minutes you will: • Contextualise the Treaty of Versailles and the events leading up to the end of the First World War • Understand how the Allied powers often acted purely in their own economic and political interests • Recognise the consequences of the treaty's enforcement, including its economic ramifications and the rise of nationalism across Europe ABOUT 50MINUTES | History & Culture 50MINUTES will enable you to quickly understand the main events, people, conflicts and discoveries from world history that have shaped the world we live in today. Our publications present the key information on a wide variety of topics in a quick and accessible way that is guaranteed to save you time on your journey of discovery.
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Revival: Between the Wars (1948)

An indispensable resource on the Treaty of Versailles, one of the most influential and controversial documents in history, this book explains how the treaty tried to solve the complex issues that emerged from the destruction of World War I. • Provides an understanding of the many controversies surrounding the Treaty of Versailles, enabling a fuller comprehension of the impact of the treaty that contributed to the outbreak of World War II • Highlights primary source documents that illustrate the complexities surrounding World War II • Offers perspectives of top scholars in essays debating whether the Paris Peace settlement made World War II inevitable • Calls attention to the many peoples who were left out of the decision-making process involved in the remaking of the world

Versailles and the Ruhr: Seedbed of World War II

France's Rhineland Policy, 1914-1924

Hitler's Revenge

Presents a selection of primary and secondary source articles featuring diverse opinions about the Treaty of Versailles.

The Winding-up of the Versailles Treaty

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