World History
Treaty of Versailles Webquest

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Directions: Using the websites provided, answer each of the following questions.

PART 1: VERSAILLES AND PEACEMAKING
http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwone/versailles_01.shtml

1. How did the German populace respond to Wilson’s Fourteen Points when they heard about his speech in early 1918? Why?

2. How and why did the German government’s opinion of Wilson’s Fourteen Points change in August 1918?

3. How did the American people feel about Wilson’s Fourteen Points? How did this affect Lloyd George and Georges Clemenceau?

4. How many countries were represented at the Paris negotiations in January 1919?

5. How harsh was the T.O.V. in comparison to the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk? What were some of the losses suffered by Germany?
6. What type of economic position was Germany in after the T.O.V.?

7. What provisions incensed the German populace?

8. What clause in particular left the Germans feeling like they were “stabbed in the back?” by the victors?

**PART 2: MODERN HISTORY SOURCEBOOK- TREATY OF VERSAILLES**
http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1919versailles.html

1. What happened to the regions Alsace and Lorraine?

2. What effect did Article 119 have on Germany?

3. What effect(s) did Articles 159 and 160 have on Germany?

4. Using your knowledge of how WWI was started, why would Article 231 infuriate the German populace?
PART 3: THE VERSAILLES TREATY
http://www.history.ucsb.edu/faculty/marcuse/classes/33d/projects/1920s/VersaillesTreatyCarlos.htm

1. What percentage of German territory was taken away?  What happened to all of Germany’s colonies?

2. Why did the Allies include the “War Guilt Clause?”  What were the political consequences of this clause?

3. How much in reparations was Germany forced to pay?

4. Why did the French invade the Ruhr in 1923?  What were the political consequences of this in Germany?

PART 4: SKILLS AND METHODS

Use this website to answer question 1:
http://www.worldology.com/Europe/world_war_1_imap.htm

1. Look at the World War I interactive map on the website above.  What has changed in Europe due to the Treaty of Versailles?

Use this website to answer questions 2 an 3:
http://warntheclassroom.wikispaces.com/League+of+Nations

2. Click on “Cartoon captioned Touch Not a Single Bough.”  What does this cartoon tell us about the popularity of the League of Nations in the U.S.?

3. Click on “Cartoon captioned You Really Can’t Blame Him For Wanting a Life Preserver.”  What was the primary concern for many Americans about the League of Nations, according to this cartoon?