



Homework 2 - The Treaty of Versailles - Was the treaty fair to Germany?

Literacy - Summarizing

TASK

The questions above were posed on a debating website and some of the results are shown below. Your task is to write your own response to the questions above. You should aim to write at least 110 words saying why you think the ToV was fair or unfair to Germany. You should also say what Allied leaders did you most agree with and what provision (clause) did you think was the most fair or unfair. Use the students answers to help you decide what information you should put in your own answer but make sure you give reasons for your responses using your work from class and research you do at home.

NOTE: (Remember to **cite** any information you want to include as evidence eg quotes. This is really good practise for GCSE/A Level and University History writing). Look up **Harvard Reference List Overview** at <https://www.citethisforme.com/harvard-referencing> to help you or ask one of your History teachers for guidance.

The Treaty of Versailles was fair

On one hand the Treaty of Versailles was not fair to Germany, but on the other hand it was. Germany was said to be responsible for the cause of the war. If Germany was responsible for the starting of the war then Germany deserved something bad in return. I agree with Georges Clemenceau of France because Germany should never be allowed to start another war. The provision that was fair was the decrease to Germany's army. If Germany's army is decreased then they are most likely not going to start any more wars because they simply will not have enough man power to help them succeed. The provision that was unfair was the territorial extracting from Germany. Yes Germany is responsible for starting the war, but it is not right that they are getting land taken away from them for signing a treaty that they were forced to sign

Treaty of Versailles is mostly fair to Germany. The treaty reduced Germany's army to 100,00 men, airforce was no longer allowed, and only 6 capitals were permitted to have naval ships but no submarines. To me, all of those restrictions were fair. Germany deserved mainly everything they got because they were the ones who started the war in the first place. I say don't do the crime if you can't do the time. The Treaty, in this case, was the "time" they had to do. Now, I do not think that the price set and Germany not knowing about the terms of the Treaty a while before they had to sign it, is unfair but at the same time, they knew this was bound to happen eventually. I semi agree with David Lloyd George of Britain because Germany should have paid but I absolutely do not agree with Clemenceau because Germany should not be destroyed. To conclude, the Treaty of Versailles was fair to Germany in some terms but unfair in some other terms, but I mostly think the Treaty was fair.

The treaty did not give Germany a say that the treaty of Versailles was unfair to Germany. It was unfair because Germany had no say in the creation of the treaty. I agreed with George Clemenceau of France on the allied side the most however. His belief was to make sure that Germany's military was restricted to the point where they could not rise and start another war. I think that the most fair provision was the making of a new DMZ in Alsace Lorraine which to me would work as a good neutral zone. The most unfair provision was taking away a large chunk of German industry and making Germany clean up the mess that the war created.

Treaty of Versailles Unfair to Germany - I do not think the Treaty of Versailles was fair to Germany. They were not invited to Versailles to help create the treaty, they were just forced to sign it. Even though they did not agree with it, they had to sign it because the Allies were threatening invasion. The Germans were not strong enough to start the war again. Their land was given away, their army was reduced, and they were forced to pay £6,600 million that they would not be able to pay. Even though I do not agree with the treaty, I support Clemenceau's belief that Germany should not be able to start another war again. Therefore; I think the provisions that limit Germany's military are the most fair. I think the provision that gives Germany's land away is the least fair since they have no way of defending it because they are not strong enough to fight for it

I think the Treaty of Versailles was fair/unfair because