

Treaty of Versailles
28 June 1919

Woodrow Wilson

- Not too harsh on Germany
 - Revenge
 - Extremism - communism like 1917 Russia
- Strengthen **democracy** in defeated countries
- Self-determination** to small countries part of European empires
 - eg Poles, Czechs, Slovaks - Austria-Hungary's empire
- International co-operation
 - League of Nations**

Agree with Wilson

- Public - praised Wilson
- Wanted to **restart trade**
 - Before war, Germany was number 1 trading partner with England
 - Employment
- Agree not to punish Germany too much
 - Scared of communist revolution

Disagree with Wilson

- Private - criticised Wilson
- Colonies
 - Britain to keep Commonwealth empire
 - Germany to lose its colonies

Public pressure

- Population suffered in WWI
 - Over 1 million casualties
 - Food shortages
- Anti-German propaganda for four years
- German treatment of Russia 1918
 - Treaty of Brest-Litovsk**
 - 25% of population gone
 - Huge areas of agricultural land lost
- Elections
 - He promised to make Germany pay

Georges Clemenceau

Tension

- Personality clash with Wilson
 - Resentment - USA did not suffer as much as France
 - Disagreement over Germany's Rhineland and coalfields in the Saar
- Different goals for ToV

Goals

- Germany
 - Cripple to prevent attack
 - Threat
 - German land and industry not as badly damaged
 - French population (40 million) in decline compared to Germany's (75 million)
- Make it seem harsh
 - Public opinion - people suffered in WWI
 - Two thirds of army killed or wounded
 - Land, industry...

14 points

- No secret treaties
- Free access to the seas ✓ Serbia
- Free trade
- Disarmament
- Colonies to have a say in their future
- ✓ German troops to leave Russia
- ✓ Independance for Belgium
- ✓ France to regain Alsace-Lorraine
- Frontier between Austria and Italy to be adjusted
- Self-determination =
- ✓ Poland independent
- ✓ LoN