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## Revision

# What was the Treaty of Versailles and why did it fail?

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Test your knowledge of the Treaty of Versailles with these multiple-choice questions. Answers on the final page

## Questions

- 1 When did President Wilson issue his Fourteen Points?  
Nov 1917      Dec 1917      Jan 1918      Mar 1918
- 2 When did Germany sign the Treaty of Brest Litovsk with Russia?  
Jan 1918      Mar 1918      Nov 1918      Jan 1919
- 3 When did the Paris peace conference begin?  
Nov 1918      Jan 1919      Apr 1919      Jun 1919
- 4 Who was the French prime minister at Versailles?  
Briand   Petain   Nivelle   Clemenceau
- 5 Who drew up the Fontainebleau Memorandum?  
Clemenceau   Lloyd George   Wilson   Orlando
- 6 Which of the following was a major concern of the Fontainebleau Memorandum?  
Reparations   Size of armed forces   Colonies   Mandates
- 7 When had Germany taken Alsace Lorraine?  
1815   1830   1848   1870
- 8 Where was the German fleet scuppered?  
Kiel   Portsmouth   Scapa Flow   Hamburg
- 9 When was the armistice signed?  
Oct 1918      Nov 1918      Dec 1918      Jan 1919
- 10 At which naval base did German sailors mutiny?  
Kiel   Hamburg   Bremerhaven   Lubeck
- 11 Who became the first president of the Weimar Republic?  
Lvov   Ebert   Hindenburg   Ludendorff
- 12 What was the number of the 'war guilt' clause in the Treaty of Versailles?  
123   213   231   312

- 13 When was the exact figure for the reparations agreed?  
1919 1920 1921 1922
- 14 What was the sum set for reparations?  
£20 million £6,600 million £24 billion £2 billion
- 15 What term was used to describe former German colonies controlled by the League of Nations?  
covenants territories mandates plebiscite
- 16 Who described the treaty as an armistice for 20 years?  
Nivelle Foch Clemenceau Briand
- 17 What size army was Germany allowed?  
None 10,000 100,000 500,000
- 18 How many battleships could Germany build?  
6 10 15 25
- 19 Which area of Germany was demilitarised?  
Ruhr Rhineland Saar Prussia
- 20 Which country gained North Schleswig?  
Belgium Denmark Poland Lithuania
- 21 Which country gained Posen?  
Belgium Denmark Poland Lithuania
- 22 Which country gained Memel?  
Belgium Denmark Poland Lithuania
- 23 The Anschluss forbade a union between Germany and which other country?  
Poland Czechoslovakia Austria Italy
- 24 Which city was given to Poland as port and free city under the League of Nations?  
Lubeck Memel Kiel Danzig
- 25 Where did the Polish corridor terminate?  
East Prussia Saarland Lithuania Rhineland
- 26 The Rhineland separated Germany from which other country?  
Belgium France Austria Switzerland
- 27 Which of the following did Belgium gain?  
Eupen Saarland Rhineland Alsace
- 28 What percentage of land did Germany lose?  
5 10 15 20
- 29 What percentage of iron ore resources did Germany lose?  
20 30 40 50
- 30 What size air force was Germany allowed?  
None 20 40 60
- 31 Which of the following important industrial areas did Germany lose?  
Saar Rhineland Upper Silesia Bavaria

- 32 Which country gained German East Africa?  
South Africa                  Britain                  France                  Belgium
- 33 Which country gained German South West Africa?  
South Africa                  Britain                  France                  Belgium
- 34 How many citizens did Germany lose because of the creation of the Polish corridor?  
1 million                  2 million                  3 million                  4 million
- 35 Which German naval base had to be destroyed?  
Kiel                  Heligoland                  Hamburg                  Bremerhaven
- 36 Where had the Kaiser fled to?  
Belgium                  Netherlands                  Switzerland                  Russia
- 37 Who controlled the Saar as a result of Versailles?  
France                  Belgium                  Germany                  League of Nations
- 38 What is a plebiscite?  
mandate                  referendum                  reparations                  democracy
- 39 In which area of Germany was an army occupation placed?  
Rhineland                  Saarland                  Danzig                  East Prussia
- 40 In which of the following countries did Germany lose its trading rights?  
USA                  Russia                  China                  Japan

## Answers

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Jan 1918        | 21 Poland            |
| 2 Nov 1918        | 22 Lithuania         |
| 3 Jan 1919        | 23 Austria           |
| 4 Clemenceau      | 24 Danzig            |
| 5 Lloyd George    | 25 East Prussia      |
| 6 Reparations     | 26 France            |
| 7 1870            | 27 Eupen             |
| 8 Scapa Flow      | 28 10                |
| 9 Nov 1918        | 29 50                |
| 10 Kiel           | 30 None              |
| 11 Ebert          | 31 Upper Silesia     |
| 12 231            | 32 Britain           |
| 13 1921           | 33 South Africa      |
| 14 £6,600 million | 34 2 million         |
| 15 mandates       | 35 Heligoland        |
| 16 Foch           | 36 Netherlands       |
| 17 100,000        | 37 League of Nations |
| 18 6              | 38 referendum        |
| 19 Rhineland      | 39 Rhineland         |
| 20 Denmark        | 40 China             |

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