

Paris Peace Conference Interactive

HOMEWORK TASK 2 [Advanced]

The Germans and the Treaty

When the Germans heard about the Treaty of Versailles, they felt 'pain and anger'. They felt it was unfair. They had not been allowed to take part in the talks – they had just been told to sign.

At first they refused to sign the Treaty. Some Germans wanted to start the war again.

The Germans were angry at **Clause 231**; they said they were not to blame for the war. The soldier sent to sign the Treaty refused to sign it – 'To say such a thing would be a lie,' he said.

The Germans were angry about **reparations**; they said France and Britain were trying to starve their children to death. At first they refused to pay, and only started paying after France and Britain invaded Germany (January 1921).

The Germans were angry about **their tiny army**. They said they were helpless against other countries. At first they refused to reduce the army, and the sailors sank the fleet, rather than hand it over.

The Germans also thought the **loss of territory** was unfair. Germany lost a tenth of its land. Other nations were given self-determination – but the Treaty forced Germans to live in other countries. Germans were also angry that they could not unite with the Austrian Germans.

TASK : Read the information above. Complete the table by Giving 4 reasons why Germany objected to the Treaty of Versailles and your opinion whether they justified in objecting.

Reasons why Germany objected to the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.	Were their objections justified? Give your opinion here based on what you have learned so far? Give arguments for Yes <u>and</u> No if you can.	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>

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HOMEWORK TASK 2 [Standard]

Treaty of Versailles Speech

You are a German politician in the early 1920s. The Germans people hate the Treaty of Versailles and the politicians who signed it. Write a short speech saying what was wrong with the Versailles treaty and what you would do about it if the people vote for you.

Hello German people,

Since the signing of the Treaty of Shame things in Germany have worsened.

Our economy is ruined because.....

Our.....

Our.....

It is unbelievable that we were asked to.....

Why did we sign this terrible treaty? [Blame the other politicians]

There is an election in our country soon.

If you vote for me I will....[Make 5 promises to get peoples' votes]

Invent an anti- Versailles election slogan that will appeal to the German people.