

# Paris Peace Conference Interactive

## PEER ASSESSMENT SAMPLE ANSWER

**Question: Explain why both the winners and losers were not satisfied with the peace treaties? [10 marks]**

Read the answer below written by a GCSE student.

In 1919 the Treaty of Versailles was criticised not only by the Germans. None of the big three who drew up the treaty were satisfied with it. Clemenceau thought that it was not harsh enough and in 1920 he was voted out in a French general election.

Lloyd George thought the Treaty was satisfactory at first but at a later date he described the treaty as a 'great pity' and said that he believed another war would happen because of it.

Woodrow Wilson was very disappointed with the peace treaties. He said that if he were the Germans he would not have signed it. The American Congress refused to approve the treaty and America never joined the League of Nations.

Some people have argued that the Treaty of Versailles caused the Second World War. It certainly helped Hitler come to power.

Germany was totally dissatisfied with the treaty of Versailles. They lost 10 per cent of their land. They were furious about this especially East Prussia being separated from the rest of Germany. Their armed forces were reduced to a very low level. This made them angry because they thought that they were made weak and vulnerable and did not have enough soldiers to defend their country. Germany did not think that they were the only country to blame for the war.

Other treaties signed included the Treaty of St Germain with Austria. They were very disappointed with the terms because they lost land to the new countries of Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Overall, the peacemakers could have turned a much better job.

## PEER ASSESSMENT MARKING GRID

Use this grid to assess the quality of the answer.

<u>What to look for</u>	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>What to look for</u>	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Your overall Assessment</u>
Is there an introduction and conclusion?		Does it reach the word limit of at least 200 words?		<b><u>Study the mark scheme carefully</u></b>  1. What was good about the answer?  2. What level would you award this answer at?  3. What mark within the level would you give it?  4. Say why you gave it this level and mark?  5. How would you improve this answer?
Does it give reasons why the winners were not satisfied?		Are paragraphs (rather than lists, headings or bullet points) used?		
Does it give reasons why the losers were not satisfied?		Does it use correct spelling, punctuation and grammar?		
Is there at least one example of explanation?		Does it provide detail factual evidence (e.g. dates, name of individuals, references to specific events)?		