**A Reaction to the Horrors of WWI: The Treaty of Versailles**

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| Historical Background  *The Versailles treaty, signed on* ***June 28th, 1919*** *was the peace settlement between Germany and the Allied powers that officially ended WWI. The treaty, dictated by the Allied powers, was composed of many articles that outlined a process to assign blame and to prevent another military conflict. The treaty was intended to help Europe put itself back together again in the aftermath of the Great War. The following are excerpts from key articles in this treaty.* |

Below you will analyze (3) articles from the Treaty of Versailles. The first article set has been chosen for you. In part 1, you will analyze both articles 231 and 232. In parts 2 and 3 you will *choose* one (1) of the two (2) articles to analyze.

In all parts you will:

1. Highlight/underline key vocabulary, looking up the definitions of any words that you are unfamiliar with.
2. Paraphrase the article in your own words.
3. Connect specific historical events that led to the creation of the specific article and explain how the article is a reaction to those events from WWI.
4. Underline the specific historical evidence in your responses.

At the end you will reflect on possible consequences as a result of the specific expectations of this treaty.

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| **PART 1** | |
| *Remember to underline or highlight key vocabulary as you read the passage.* | |
| **Article #: 231/232**  “The Allied and Associated Governments affirm and Germany accepts the responsibility of Germany and her allies for causing all the loss and damage to which the Allied and Associated governments and their nationals have been subjected as a consequence of the war imposed upon them by the aggression of Germany and her allies.  The Allied and Associated Governments, however, require, and Germany undertakes, that she will make compensation for all damage done to the civilian population of the Allied and Associated Powers and to their property during the period of the belligerency of each as an Allied or Associated Power against Germany.” | |
| **Paraphrase the above articles:** | |
| **Using specific evidence from WWI, explain the reason the Allies included this article in the Treaty of Versailles.** | |
| **PART 2** | |
| **Choose one *(1)* of the following articles:**  *Remember to underline or highlight key vocabulary as you read the passage.* | |
| **Article 119**  “Germany renounces in favour of the Principal Allied and Associated Powers all her rights and titles over her oversea possessions.” | **Article 191**  “The construction or acquisition of any submarine, even for commercial purposes, shall be forbidden in Germany.” |
| **Paraphrase the article you chose:** | |
| **Using specific evidence from WWI, explain the reason the Allies included this article in the Treaty of Versailles.** | |
| **PART 3** | |
| **Choose one *(1)* of the following articles:** *Remember to underline or highlight key vocabulary as you read the passage.* | |
| **Article 198**  “The armed forces of Germany must not include any military or naval air forces.  Germany may, during a period not extending beyond October 1, 1919, maintain a maximum number of one hundred seaplanes or flying boats, which shall be exclusively employed in searching for submarine mines, shall be furnished with the necessary equipment for this purpose, and shall in no case carry arms, munitions or bombs of any nature whatever.” | **Article 228**  “The German Government shall hand over to the Allied and Associated Powers, or to such one of them as shall so request, all persons accused of having committed an act in violation of the laws and customs of war, who are specified either by name or by the rank, office or employment which they held under the German authorities.” |
| **Paraphrase the article you chose:** | |
| **Using specific evidence from WWI, explain the reason the Allies included this article in the Treaty of Versailles.** | |
| **Based on the articles of the Treaty of Versailles that you analyzed, predict possible consequences, positive and negative, that this treaty may have on the post WWI world.** | |
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