

TERMS FOR PEACE

Purpose

Choosing the terms for peace from the perspective of your assigned country will help you understand how planning for worldwide peace after World War I wasn't simple and straightforward.

Process

Review the terms below, keeping in mind the country you have been assigned. Choose the best term for your country and record your choice (A, B, or C) on Part 3 of your [World War I Peace Talks](#) worksheet.

Issue to deliberate	Terms to choose from
War guilt <i>Which country or countries should be blamed for causing World War I?</i>	A. All nations should accept blame for their role in the outbreak of World War I. B. The Central powers should accept more blame than the Allied powers for the outbreak of World War I. C. Germany should accept the primary blame for the outbreak of World War I.
Reparations <i>Which country or countries should pay for the damages of war? How much?</i>	A. Each nation should work to repair its own towns and countryside over time, at its own expense. B. Germany should pay war reparations to the Allied countries for some but not all damages, in the amount of \$_____. C. Germany should pay war reparations to the Allied countries for all damages, in the amount of \$_____.
Military power <i>Should all countries be permitted to keep</i>	A. All nations should be permitted to keep their military at prewar levels and continue their armament programs for self-defense. B. All nations should reduce their armaments. They should decrease the size of armies and navies to the lowest reasonable levels.

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<i>a powerful military in peacetime?</i>	C. Germany should reduce the size of its army and navy by half, and should be forbidden to develop any new aircraft, submarines, or tanks.
Colonial possessions <i>Should countries be permitted to keep their colonial possessions in the wake of World War I?</i>	A. All territorial and colonial possessions should return to prewar status. B. Some colonies should remain; others should become independent. This will be decided collectively by all European nations. C. All German colonial claims should be split between the European Allied powers and/or freed from colonial rule.
League of Nations <i>Should countries join an international peacekeeping and decision-making organization?</i>	A. An international peacekeeping organization should not exist. B. All nations should have equal membership in an international peacekeeping organization that includes an International Court of Justice. C. Most nations should belong to an international peacekeeping organization and the International Court of Justice. Germany should be excluded from this organization.