

World History

United Kingdom Simulation Sheet

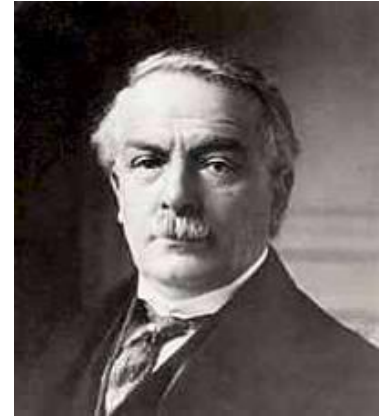
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Directions: Use the following information to help you fill out your stances on the different issues in question being discussed at the treaty of Versailles. Try to match your decisions as close as possible to the information listed below.

The United Kingdom

As the representative of the United Kingdom you have a responsibility of maintaining your empire's prominent position as a worldwide superpower. As the Prime Minister (David Lloyd George) you have a very realistic view on the situation. On one hand your nation suffered close to 3.2 million casualties and owes the United States close to \$40 Billion and you want retribution, but you also don't want to damage future relations with Germany. France will be looking to cripple Germany as much as possible, but you should instead be looking to find a good compromise. Many of your own citizens want the Kaiser hanged, but you worry that harming Germany too much could cause them to be mad at you, or worse, have a Bolshevik revolution like has happened in Russia. You did have a very large role in the war and your word will have a lot of weight in the peace process.



At the moment your empire encompasses over 25% of the globe on all seven continents. You need to make sure the size of your empire remains intact and do what you can to weaken your enemy's (Germany, Ottomans, Austria) hold on their imperial territorial holdings. Anything that you can gain control over would help rebuild your nation's pride. You also want to make sure that France does not get too much stronger otherwise they have the possibility of becoming too powerful. Anything also you can do to weaken the Germans, Ottomans, or Austrians by decreasing their size or breaking them up completely will hopefully prevent them from rising to power again. But keep in mind the need for compromise and not being too harsh on any one of the empires.

You have a sizeable war debt that needs to be paid back to the United States and your own tax revenue won't be enough. Finding a way to either get additional money from the Germans either in the form of profits from certain corporations or by having them pay money in the form of war reparations would be an acceptable way to speed up the repayment. If you just take money from the German people without any type of justification it will cause hatred by the German people towards you.

You are also very wary of anything that might limit your own country's powers and you should definitely try to find a way to use any piece of the treaty negotiations to increase the national power and prestige of Great Britain. But again be careful of isolating yourself from your American and French Allies, and enraging the Germans.

When all else fails remember you want to limit the German's capabilities to make war, but prevent them from developing hatred towards you. A compromise between what the French want and what the Americans want should be a main motivation. Keep in mind though that you are an elected official and you risk not being re-elected if you don't get your people what they want.