*Summary of Wilson’s 14 Points*

1. Open agreements of peace (no secret treaties between countries)

2. Freedom of navigation upon the seas.

3. Removal of economic barriers between nations.

4. Military equipment will be reduced to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.

5. A fair adjustment of all colonial claims.

6. The evacuation of all Russian territory. Russia will determine her own political development and national policy.

7. Belgium must be evacuated and restored.

8. All French territory must be freed and the invaded portions restored. The matter of Alsace-Lorraine must be righted.

9. The frontiers of Italy should be readjusted along the lines of nationality.

10. The people of Austria-Hungary should be given the chance for independent development.

11. Romania, Serbia, and Montenegro should be evacuated and occupied territories restored.

12. The Turkish portions of the Ottoman Empire should be assured a secure sovereignty. The other nationalities under Turkish rule should be given the opportunity of independent development. The Dardanelles should be opened as free passage to ships.

13. An independent Polish (Poland) state should be created.

14. A general association of nations must be formed.

(League of Nations)

*Main Points of the Treaty of Versailles*

* Various German-speaking territories were to be surrendered. Alsace-Lorraine was returned to France. German colonies in China and Africa were taken over by several of the Allied countries, including Britain and France. The German population and land area was reduced by about 10%.
* The boundaries of Poland were redrawn.
* The empire of Austria-Hungary came to an end. Austria was to recognize the independence of Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Poland, and Hungary.
* Germany was forced to sign a “war guilt clause” which held Germany solely responsible for all “loss and damage” suffered by the Allies. This made Germany liable for all war **reparations**. Reparations were set at $33 billion. This would destroy what was left of the German economy.
* The German army was restricted to 100,000 men. They were not allowed to produce war weapons, such as tanks, heavy artillery, and submarines.

- The League of Nations was created.

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***Questions for Thought…***

***…on Wilson’s 14 Points***

1. Does this seem like a fair peace proposal? Why or why not? Explain.

2. What seem to be the weakest points of the proposal? What are the strongest points?

3. Why do you think that the Allied countries, especially France, were not happy with the 14 Points Proposal?

4. What was the purpose of the League of Nations?

5. What type of things does President Wilson seem the most concerned with achieving through the 14 Points?

***…on the Main Points of the Treaty of Versailles***

1. Why do you think Germany has been singled out and forced to accept more responsibility for WWI?

2. Was the Treaty of Versailles too severe of a punishment for Germany? Why or why not? Explain.

3. Which article hurt Germany the most and why?

4. What are the main differences between Wilson’s 14 Points and the Treaty of Versailles?

5. What would you have done differently if you were writing the terms of peace to end WWI?