

Modern History

Section I (continued)

Question 3 (10 marks)

Assess how useful Sources C and D would be for an historian studying the Allies' approaches to Germany at the Paris Peace Conference.

In your answer, consider the perspectives provided by the two sources, and their reliability.

Source C is an address to a Joint Session of the Congress of the United States, from the American president Woodrow Wilson on the 8th January 1918. It is used to inform the Congress of his feelings towards Germany and expresses his approach towards Germany at the Paris Peace Conference. It is a rather useful and reliable source as it is a speech by Woodrow Wilson regarding his approach to Germany at the Paris Peace Conference. It is reliable as it was addressed on the 8th January 1918, prior to the lead up of the Paris Peace Conference. It states of his 14 points and the fact he only wants a place of equality among the peoples of the world. He feels all played a part in

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the starting of the war, and that Germany should pay little reparation. He wants peace among Europe.

Source D, is a note from the German government to the Allies, on the 22nd June 1919. It is used to inform the Allies of their response to the Paris Peace Accord as it outlines, "conditions imposed exceed the limits that Germany can in fact achieve". It is useful to a historian studying the Allies' approaches to Germany at the Paris Peace Conference as it outlines, Germany's response to the Paris Peace Conference and, ~~outlines~~ what was imposed upon them.

However, it is limited in its reliability as to a historian, as it is used to inform the Allies of their circumstances and response to the Paris Peace Accord. The German government would be writing to persuade the Allies to decrease their ~~expecto~~ expectation as they are in turmoil and would ~~be~~ be forever in turmoil.

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