

Question 9 (10 marks)

How useful would Sources E and F be for a historian studying the different goals of Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson in creating the Treaty of Versailles? 10

In your answer, consider the perspectives provided by the TWO sources and the reliability of each one.

These two sources would be useful to a historian studying the different goals of these 3 men because it gives an insight on the way things were run. However these sources would not be reliable because they are bias. Source E is a letter from Charles Seymour, a member of the Paris Peace Conference. He seems to be 'sitting on the fence' with his argument and not really making a decision therefore only showing his point of view, and leaving it unreliable.

Source F is useful and somewhat reliable because it was an extract written by Lloyd George himself.

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Therefore creating a more reliable source to study. However, it is only reliable for the British perspective of the Treaty of Versailles, as Lloyd George was the prime minister of Britain. It is unreliable in the aspects of Clemenceau and Wilson because it is not their perspective.

This source F would only be useful and reliable to a historian studying the goals of these men in the Treaty of Versailles in only some aspects.

Both these sources give insight into the creation of the Treaty of Versailles, however they do not provide enough information to be considered fully reliable, however they are useful.

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