

## Source A

America is far away, protected by the ocean. Not even Napoleon himself could touch England. You are both sheltered; we are not.

Georges Clemenceau, debating with Wilson and Lloyd George on 27 March 1919. Wilson had pressed Clemenceau for 'moderation'.

## Did You Know?

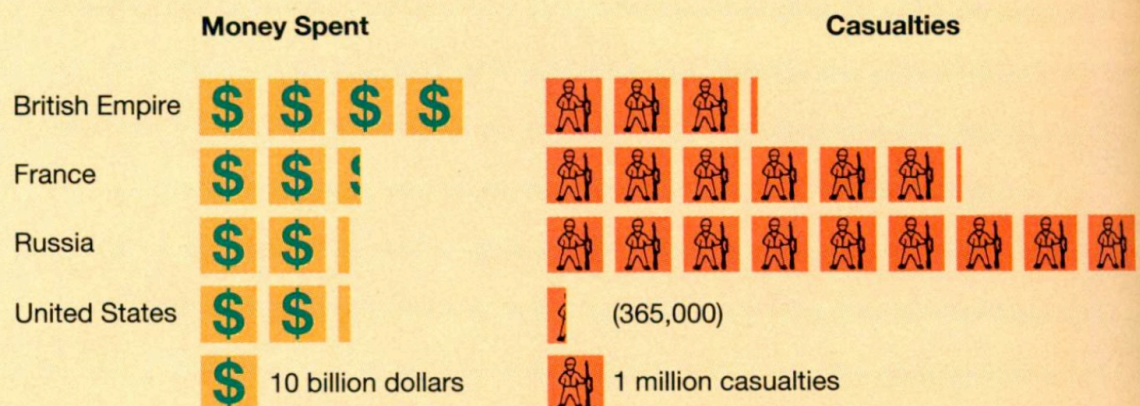
Clemenceau summed up his attitude: 'There are 20 million Germans too many!'

## Activity:

Imagine you are Georges Clemenceau. What answers would you have given to the following questions about the Versailles Conference:

- What should happen to the German army?
- How much should Germany be asked to pay for the damage done during the war?
- How much land should Germany lose?
- Should the Treaty blame Germany for the war?
- What is the best way to stop a war ever happening again?

## Costs of the War for the Allies



Source: V. J. Esposito, *A Concise History of World War I*

## Source B

We entered this war because violations of right had occurred which touched us to the quick and made the life of our own people impossible unless they were corrected and the world secure once for all against their recurrence. What we demand in this war, therefore, is nothing peculiar to ourselves. It is that the world be made fit and safe to live in; and particularly that it be made safe for every peace-loving nation which, like our own, wishes to live its own life, determine its own institutions, be assured of justice and fair dealing by the other peoples of the world as against force and selfish aggression.

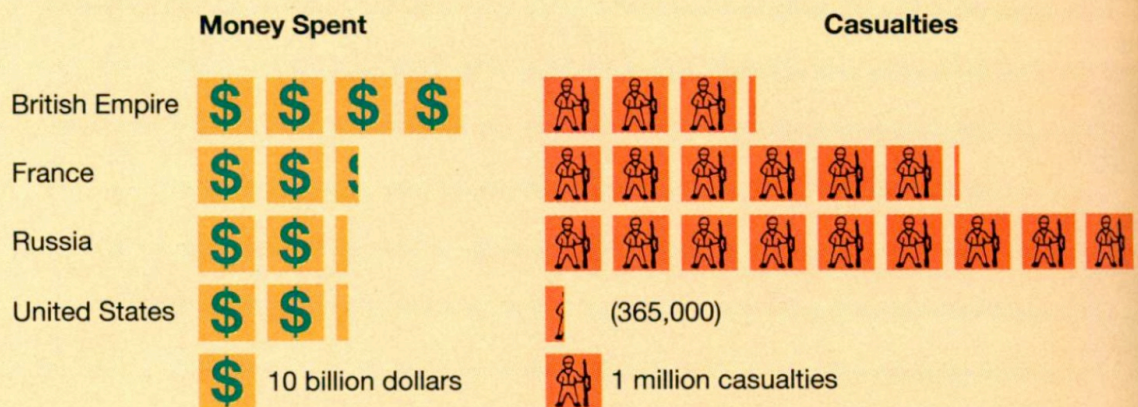
Woodrow Wilson, speaking to Congress on 8 January 1918, introducing his 'Fourteen Points'.

## Activity:

Imagine you are Woodrow Wilson. What answers would you have given to the following questions about the Versailles Conference:

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### Source C

We want a peace which will be just, but not vindictive... Above all, we want to protect the future against a repetition of the horrors of this war.  
Lloyd George speaking to Parliament (1919) before he went off to the Conference.

### Source D

We propose to demand the whole cost of the war from Germany.  
From a speech by Lloyd George, made in December 1918, during an election campaign.

### Source E

Lloyd George says that Woodrow Wilson can think and talk of nothing but his League of Nations. Wilson will only take any interest in talks if everything centres on the League. He has started to annoy Lloyd George by talking of matters that have already been settled as though they were still open for discussion.  
From the diary (March 1919) of Frances Stevenson, Lloyd George's private secretary.

### Activity:

Imagine you are David Lloyd George. What answers would you have given to the following questions about the Versailles Conference:

- a. What should happen to the German army?
- b. How much should Germany be asked to pay for the damage done during the war?
- c. How much land should Germany lose?
- d. Should the Treaty blame Germany for the war?
- e. What is the best way to stop a war ever happening again?

