

**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?

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

E and F  
These sources<sup>1</sup> would be very useful for an historian studying the differing goals of Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson. These two sources are reliable because they are both primary sources of high level and reasonably high level participants at the Versailles conference.

Source E which is a letter from one of the US delegates provides historical information on both the goals of U.S.A and of France. It states that one of the French government goal is to achieve adequate indemnities who fear that "a sum" that seems large now would seem very small in a few years".

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Source F also discusses the French goals by describing the reparations that France ~~and desire~~ are "exorbitant". These two perspectives together would therefore be useful because to some extent they corroborate the other.

Although mentioned only briefly in Source E, ~~Wilson's intention~~ ~~is stated~~ ~~as~~ Wilson's position is that "radical changes and concessions" should be given to the Germans. This is touched in more depth in Source F as to the "fixation of German boundaries". This highlights the similar goals as Lloyd George possesses then of Britain and France.

So these sources would be useful and reliable because they are primary sources that relate directly to the goals of France, Britain and America at the Versailles conference. We can also see how in some sense the information in the two sources are corroborated and thus increasing their reliability.

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