

Fourteen Points Paper

Due Friday 1 March @ Midnight

President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points are practically synonymous with the Treaty of Versailles. Though his ideas were ones other politicians had expressed previously, his ability to convey them at the Paris Peace Conference provided the basis for the eventual agreements that were made. In this paper, you will look at the impact ONE of the Fourteen Points had on ONE modern nation. In order to do this, you will need to focus in on the keywords/concepts highlighted in red below:

- I. Open covenants of peace, openly arrived at...
- II. Absolute freedom of **navigation** upon the seas, outside territorial waters...
- III. The removal, so far as possible, of all economic barriers...
- IV. Adequate guarantees...that national **armaments** will be reduced...
- V. A free, open-minded, and absolutely impartial adjustment of all **colonial claims**...
- VI. The evacuation of all **Russian** territory...
- VII. **Belgium**, the whole world will agree, must be evacuated and restored...
- VIII. All **French** territory should be freed and the invaded portions restored...
- IX. A readjustment of the frontiers of **Italy** should be effected...
- X. The peoples of **Austria-Hungary**...we wish to see safeguarded and assured...
- XI. **Rumania**, **Serbia**, and **Montenegro** should be evacuated; occupied territories restored...
- XII. The **turkish** portion of the present **Ottoman Empire** should be assured a secure sovereignty, but the **other nationalities** which are now under Turkish rule should be assured an undoubted security of life...
- XIII. An independent **Polish** state should be erected...
- XIV. A general association of nations must be formed....*

You **MUST** also use:

- Dr. E. J. Dillon's *The Inside Story of the Peace Conference*
- Harry Hanson's *The Adventures of the Fourteen Points*
- And the Treaty itself to find out what actually happened in your country.

It will be up to you to determine a topic you would like to focus on and you will need to write an appropriate thesis statement. Your goal is **NOT** to explain the every aspect of the Treaty of Versailles, but instead to make an argument about a small piece of it. You may use other sources or links that have been added to the course webpage as supporting evidence if needed.

Technical specifics:

Your paper should be 1000-1250 words long, typed, double-spaced, and in 12-pt. font with 1-inch margins. Do not use the first person in writing your paper. You must use *Chicago Manual of Style* footnotes for all the information you utilize (see reverse for more details). You should e-mail it to Dr. Myers by the deadline. Do not forget to put your name on your paper. *Also note: Your grade will drop by 10 pts. each day it is late.*

*Transcript of President Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points (1918), OurDocuments.gov

Using Footnotes

For any piece of information or ideas you use from another source, you must provide a reference. Let me repeat that...for *any* piece of information or ideas you use from another source, you must provide a reference. In addition, you must place quotation marks around any direct wording you take from a source, even if it is only three or four words.

As a general rule, you should have at least one footnote per paragraph in your paper. You may list more than one source in the footnote to save you making too many of them, but you must have all the knowledge you have “borrowed” properly cited.

For this paper, please use footnotes. Your computer will automatically insert them for you. To insert a footnote, place cursor at the end of the sentence and do as follows:

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- ★ Footnotes are normally in 10-pt. font.
- ★ Do not change the default settings the computer uses for your footnotes, they should all be correct already.
- ★ There will NEVER be two footnotes with the same number.
- ★ Finally, footnotes are NOT footers and should not be in your footer.

If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to ask Dr. Myers for assistance.

Here are some examples to help you in laying out your references:

¹ HIST 130: The Treaty of Versailles, January 18, 2018.

² E. J. Dillon, *The Inside Story of the Peace Conference* (London and New York: Harper & Brothers Publishers, 1920), 15.

³ HIST 130, February 22, 2018.

⁴ Fine Art America, "Refusing to Give A Lady a Seat," <https://fineartamerica.com/featured/refusing-to-give-the-lady-a-seat-everett.html> (accessed February 14, 2018).

⁵ President Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points (1918), <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=62> (accessed January 31, 2018).

⁶ Dillon, 46.

⁷ Treaty of Versailles, "Article 313," <https://www.firstworldwar.com/source/versailles313-320.htm> (accessed February 11, 2018).

Note: If you have any questions about footnote formatting, please refer to Kate Turabian's *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* (that is available in the Bookstore or at the Writing Center). No Works Cited page/Bibliography is needed.