

8.4 Versailles Conference and Peace Settlement

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Objective

Build the skills to explain why the **peace settlement** 和平安排 failed.

You must be able to:

- state the conflicting goals in Paris
- state the CED's verdict on the settlement
- describe the mandate system and its two consequences
- explain why the failure lies in the goals

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Conflicting goals

The conflicting goals of the peace negotiators pitted **diplomatic idealism** against **the desire to punish Germany**, producing a settlement that **satisfied few**.

■ The verdict

“Satisfied few” is the CED's own assessment. “Few” is not none — the settlement had defenders as well as enemies.

■ The mandate system

The League distributed former German and Ottoman possessions to France and Great Britain through the mandate system, thereby **altering the imperial balance of power** and **creating a strategic interest in the Middle East and its oil**.

■ Why the goals

The CED locates the failure in the goals, not the negotiators' competence. Any settlement had to disappoint one of two incompatible aims.

2 Practice

2.1 State the two conflicting goals. [2]

2.2 State the two consequences of the mandate system. [2]

2.3 The CED locates the failure in the goals.

(a) State what this rules out as an explanation. [1]

(b) State why any settlement had to disappoint someone. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The CED's verdict on the settlement is that it [1]

A	B
C	D

A satisfied everyone

B satisfied few

C satisfied nobody at all

D was never signed

3.2 The mandate system was administered by [1]

A	B
C	D

A the Ottoman Empire

B the League of Nations

C Germany

D Russia

3.3 A body founded to replace power politics carries out a transfer of empire.

(a) State the tension. [1]

(b) Explain the long-term consequence the CED names. [2]
