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?

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

Source E and particularly Source F would be useful to a historian studying the goals of Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Wilson in creating the Treaty of Versailles. Source E comes from the perspective of Charles Seymour, a member of the United States of America delegation at the Paris Peace Conference. The reliability of this source is high because it is a primary source and it is supposed to have been written at the time. It tells us how harsh the French wanted to be, how the British wanted to be harsh, how much France wanted to make Germany pay and how American wished for a clear account of conditions.

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Source F is similar to Source E, however, there are distinct differences. Source F comes from the perspective of former British Prime Minister David Lloyd George. It is a reliable primary source as it is supported by Source E like Source E. Source F states that the French wished to be extremely harsh on the Germans, where the British and Americans did not. This makes it useful to a historian studying the goals of American Woodrow Wilson and Wilson as they would want to be harsh on Germany and who wanted to be more lenient.

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