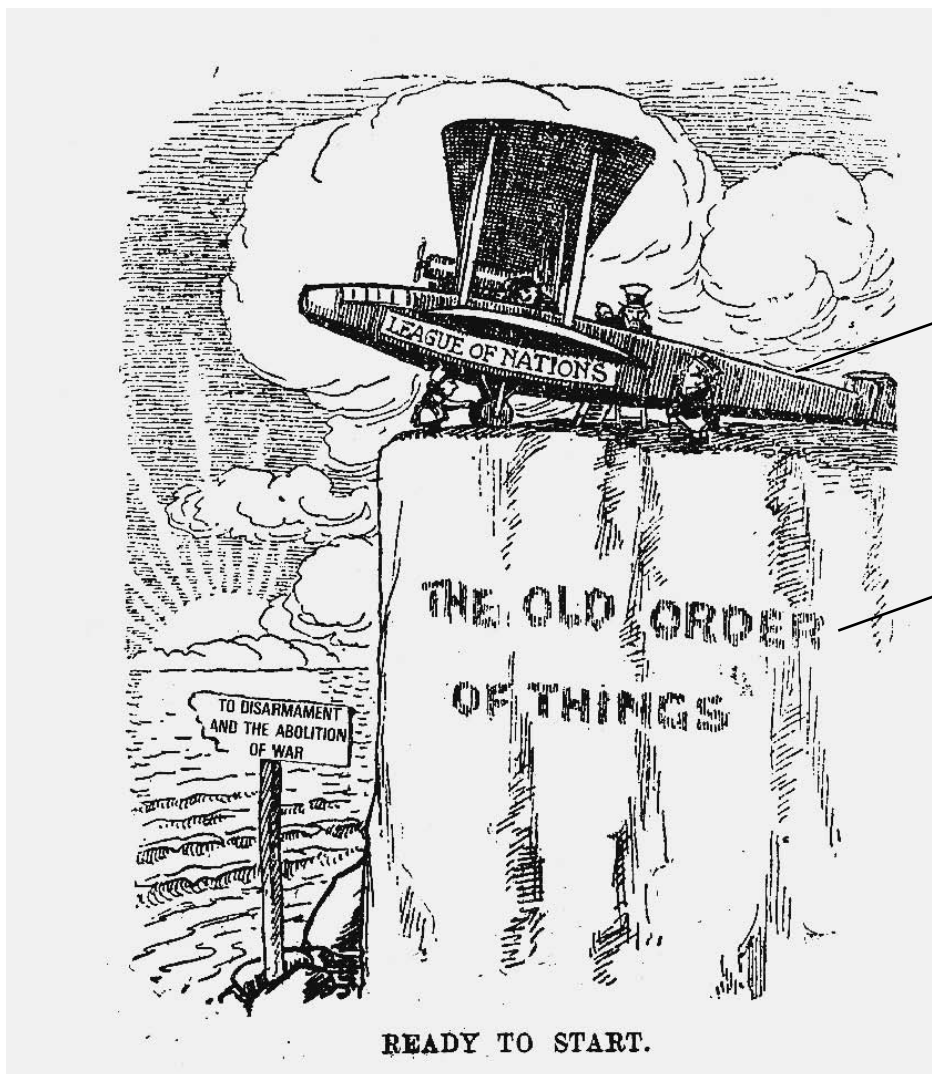


Use this sheet to help you with the Activity on page 21.

Add labels to explain each element of the cartoon. Remember the advice we gave you on Worksheet 1.3A. Start by labelling the features that we have indicated, then move on to other features.



British cartoon from 1919.

- 1 What is the message of your cartoon? Make sure that you explain what details in the cartoon help to get this message across.
- 2 Is your cartoon optimistic or pessimistic about the League of Nations? Give reasons.
- 3 Compare your ideas with your partner's, then write a paragraph comparing the two cartoons.

WORKSHEET 2.1A (continued)

Use this sheet to help you with the Activity on page 21.

Add labels to explain each element of the cartoon. Remember the advice we gave you on Worksheet 1.3A. Start by labelling the features that we have indicated, then move on to other features.



Cartoon from the magazine *Punch*, March 1919.

- 1 What is the message of your cartoon? Make sure that you explain what details in the cartoon help to get this message across.
- 2 Is your cartoon optimistic or pessimistic about the League of Nations? Give reasons.
- 3 Compare your ideas with your partner's, then write a paragraph comparing the two cartoons.

WORKSHEET 2.1B



The League: success or failure?

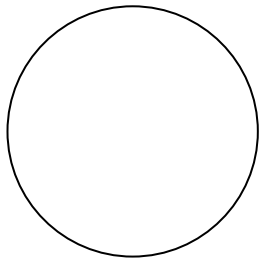
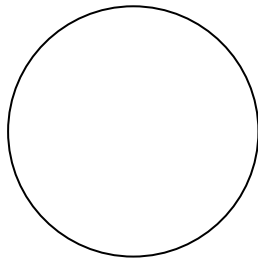
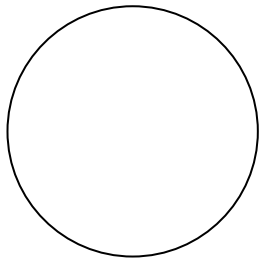
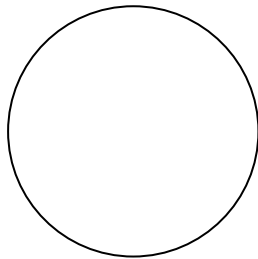
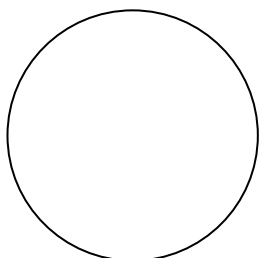
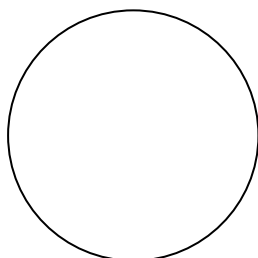
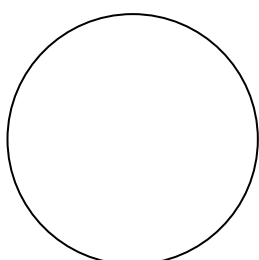
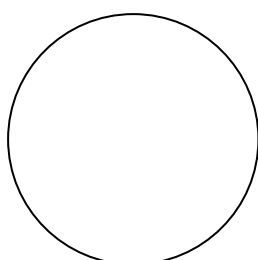
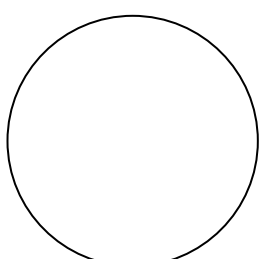
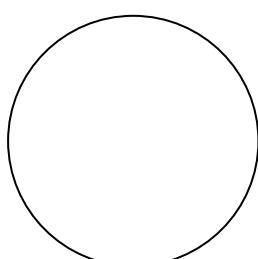
Use this sheet to help you with question 4 of the Activity on page 21.

The same question is repeated on later pages. Each time:

- 1 Note the date and events affecting the League at that stage.
- 2 Decide what the mix is between success and failure.
- 3 Divide your pie chart accordingly. Use different colours for success and failure. Complete the key to show the meaning of your colours.
- 4 Use the space beside each chart to note reasons for your predictions. If you want to write more explanation, do so on the back of this sheet.

Key

-  = success
 = failure

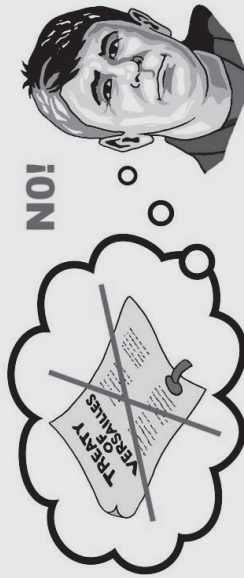
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Why did the USA not join the League of Nations?

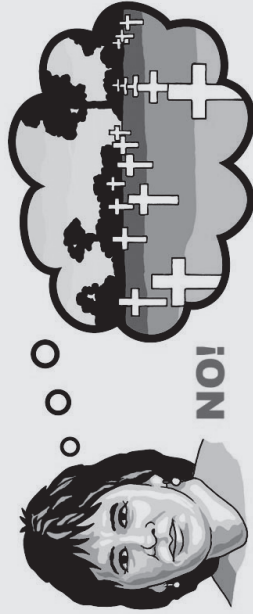
WORKSHEET 2.2

Use this sheet to help you with question 1 on page 22.

The League was inextricably linked to the Treaty of Versailles. Wilson had insisted that all the signatories to the Treaty should join the League. The League was also supposed to enforce the Treaty. Yet some Americans hated the Treaty itself. Many Americans were recent immigrants. There were millions of German immigrants who had never approved of the USA joining the war against Germany. They certainly did not want the USA to prop up the League as it squeezed reparation payments out of Germany. They wanted the USA to have no part in it.



To many Americans the plans for the League of Nations suggested the USA was promising to send its troops to settle every little conflict around the world. Americans had been appalled at the carnage of the First World War. They wanted the USA to stay out of such disputes.



Should the USA join the League?



Others were worried about the economic cost of joining the League. They thought it would be as if the USA were signing a blank cheque. The USA would promise to solve all international problems regardless of the cost. Business leaders in particular argued that the USA had become a powerful country by isolationism – staying out of European affairs. The USA should continue to mind its own business.



Other Americans opposed the League because they were anti-British or anti-French. They thought the League would be under the control of Britain and France. Why should the USA get dragged into fighting for Britain's Empire? Americans believed in freedom. They opposed the whole idea of colonies and empires. Surely the USA could not agree to safeguard all the colonial possessions of Britain and France!

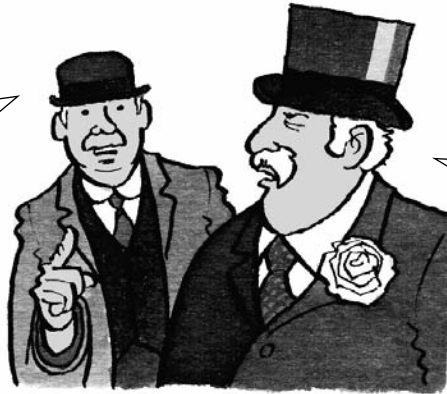
WORKSHEET 2.3

Were there weaknesses in the League's organisation?

Use this sheet to help you with the Focus Task on page 27.

THE OPTIMIST

Peace at last! The League of Nations will keep large and small nations secure



I'm not sure. It might look impressive but I think there are weaknesses in the League

THE PESSIMIST

Choose either the optimist or the pessimist and explain, under the headings provided below, why your diplomat feels the way he does. For example, the optimist feels confident about the League helping security. Why does the League's membership make him feel that way?

Membership of the League

What the main bodies within the League can do

How each body will make decisions

How the League will enforce its decisions

Did weaknesses in the League's organisation make failure inevitable?

WORKSHEET 2.4

Use this sheet to help you with the Focus Task on page 29.

The League in action – disputes in the 1920s		
Dispute/incident	Score for League (-5 to +5)	Reason for score
Vilna, 1920		
Upper Silesia, 1921		
Aaland Islands, 1921		
Corfu, 1923		
Bulgaria, 1925		

WORKSHEET 2.4 (continued)

Use this table to analyse the Bulgarian and Corfu crises of the 1920s for the Focus Task on page 30. Use another table to analyse the Manchurian and Abyssinian crises of the 1930s on pages 36–43.

Criticism	Evidence for	Evidence against
That it would be slow to act		
That members would act in their own interests		
That without the USA it would be powerless		

Looking at the evidence you have compiled, do you think these criticisms of the League were valid? If so, did they make failure inevitable?

Write a paragraph to explain your view.

WORKSHEET 2.5

How successful was the League in the 1920s?

Use this sheet to help you to answer question 4 of the Focus Task on page 33.

Which of the following statements do you most agree with? Circle one of the numbers.

	Disagree strongly			Agree strongly		
1 The League of Nations was a great force for peace in the 1920s.	0	1	2	3	4	5
2 Events of the 1920s showed just how weak the League really was.	0	1	2	3	4	5
3 The League's successes in the 1920s were small-scale, its failures had a higher profile.	0	1	2	3	4	5

Use this writing frame to explain your scores.

Paragraph 1: My view of statement 1 is ... _____

I accept/reject this statement because ... _____

Paragraph 2: My view of statement 2 is ... _____

I accept/reject this statement because ... _____

Paragraph 3: My view of statement 3 is ... _____

I accept/reject this statement because ... _____

Paragraph 4: Overall, I am most in agreement with statement ____ because ...

WORKSHEET 2.6

How did the Depression make the work of the League harder?

Use this sheet to help you with the Focus Task on page 35.

- 1 Draw lines to connect the following statements with the country where each one might have been said during the Depression.
- 2 Alongside each speech bubble explain why you think this statement might worry the League of Nations or make the League's work more difficult.

I have not worked since last year.

We need tough leaders who will not be pushed around by the League of Nations or the USA.

I will vote for anyone who can get the country back to work.

Reparations have caused this mess.



We should ban all foreign goods. That will protect the jobs of our workers.

If we had our own empire we would have the resources we need. Economic depressions would not damage us so much.

The bank has closed. We've lost everything!

WORKSHEET 2.7

Use this sheet to help you to make revision notes on pages 34–43. Remember that you are aiming for a summary, so be brief.

DEPRESSION	Date: _____
Summary _____	
Main cause(s) _____	
Action by League _____	
Effects on League _____	

MANCHURIAN CRISIS	Date: _____
Summary _____	
Main cause(s) _____	
Action by League _____	
Effects on League _____	

FAILURE OF DISARMAMENT	Date: _____
Summary _____	
Main cause(s) _____	
Action by League _____	
Effects on League _____	

ABYSSINIAN CRISIS	Date: _____
Summary _____	
Main cause(s) _____	
Action by League _____	
Effects on League _____	

WORKSHEET 2.8

Why did the League of Nations fail in the 1930s?

Use this sheet to record your answers to the Focus Task on page 44.

