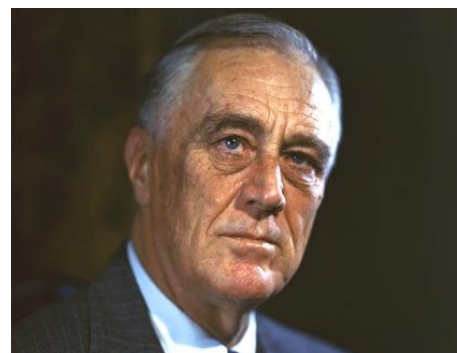


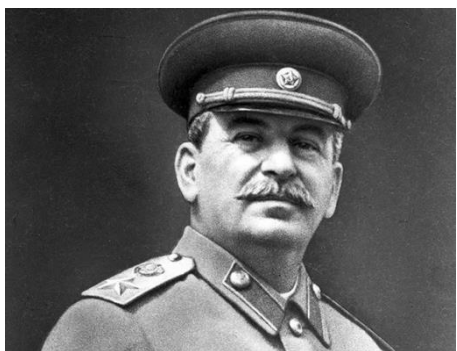


You are **Winston Churchill**, Prime Minister of Great Britain. You declared war on Germany 1939 in the defence of Poland. You then fought alongside America and the USSR since 1941 (after Pearl Harbour and Operation Barbarossa). You want to restore Germany's power by ensuring it has a democratically elected government and that land lost to the USSR is returned to it. You want an agreement that the countries of Eastern Europe will have democratic elections on Western lines. You want Germany to be divided into four zones - France as well as the 'Big Three' should get a zone. You want reparations to be as low as possible (with no slave labour). You remember the effects of the Treaty of Versailles. Europe needs to be rebuilt. You want all countries to be represented at the UN. You want to ensure that the USSR gets as little territory and rights in Japan as possible. Your country has been devastated by the effects of the war but you need to ensure Britain is still heard by other countries!



You are **Franklin Roosevelt**, President of the United States of America. You entered the war in 1941 after Pearl Harbour, when the Japanese bombed your naval bases in Hawaii. You are desperate for the USSR to also declare war on Japan. You have also promised that the Chinese will have control over the Manchurian railway. You want a UN with a Security Council of five countries: USA, USSR, Britain, France and China to act as 'World Policemen'. You want Germany divided into as many states as possible to limit its power. The USSR is already in control and nothing can be done about it. You will be happy if the USSR agrees to conduct free and fair elections there. You are happy for Germany to pay reparations to the USSR but not use slave labour. You want to bury the issue of who controls Eastern European countries by persuading both sides to make a promise to uphold the principles of free elections.

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You are **Josef Stalin**, Communist leader of the Soviet Union (USSR). You started the war in alliance with Germany after signing the Nazi-Soviet Pact. This allowed you to invade half of Poland. However, in 1941 Germany launched Operation Barbarossa and invaded your territory. You joined the war on the American and British side, forming a 'Grand Alliance'. You are committed to keeping Poland under your control by ensuring it has an elected communist government and its territory is carved out of Germany so it is solely yours. You want to ensure that the countries of Eastern Europe become 'satellite states' loyal to the USSR. You want Germany and Berlin divided into three zones - Soviet, American and British. France should not be given a zone as she 'opened the gates to the enemy' in your view. You want massive reparations: \$20 billion dollars and the right to use slave labour from Germany. You want to join the United Nations. You have told Roosevelt that you will only enter the war against Japan if you are given control of the Manchurian railway in China.

- 1) You will each be allocated a role as one of the big three. In your groups of three introduce yourselves and share your aims for the conference. Record each leader's aims clearly in the table.

Leader	Aims for the conference
Stalin (USSR)	
Roosevelt (USA)	
Churchill (Britain)	

- 2) In your group try to come to agreements on each area of the table below.
- Fill in the first column of the table from your discussion.
  - You should then use a textbook or the internet to research what was actually agreed. Complete the next two columns.
  - Give the 'Grand Alliance' (the alliance between the Soviet Union, Britain and America) a score out of ten in the final column to indicate how strongly allied they were on each area (10 = strong agreement; 1 = irreconcilable differences).
- 3) How strong do you think the Grand Alliance was at Yalta? Use evidence to support your points.

Area of Discussion	What you decided:	What was agreed (in 1945)		How strong was the Grand Alliance (/10)
		What were the areas of agreement?	What were the areas of disagreement/tension?	
Poland				
UN				
Germany				
Reparations				
Japan				