**POTSDAM CONFERENCE - ACTIVITY**

**Plans for Postwar Europe**

The Potsdam Conference produced a set of agreements on the nature of the postwar world. As you read through the following document, complete the worksheet below, indicating what specifically was agreed upon at Potsdam. To identify the locations mentioned in the document, see the interactive map, located at

<http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/neh/interactives/coldwareuropemap/>.

Excerpts from the Yalta Conference can be found on the following link:

<http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/decade17.asp>

For background on this conference, click on location #2 on the interactive map.

**Instructions:**

1. In groups of 3 (maximum), **read** the following set of sources from the file titled “**POTSDAM CONFERENCE – ACTIVITY – Sources.docx**”.
2. **Complete** the following table below (**one table per group**) when your group finished reviewing the sources.
3. For each of the subjects listed in the left-hand column, **indicate** what agreement was reached at Yalta.

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| **AGENDA** | **AGREEMENT REACHED** |
| **The future of Germany** |  |
| **German reparations** |  |
| **Poland’s government** |  |
| **Poland’s western border** |  |

**Mark Scheme**

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| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **F** |
| * **Excellent – You have fully identified and discussed in full details the agreements concluded in the Potsdam Conference.** * **You have also explained the significance of each agreement and fully explained how it began to cause tensions/conflict between the new “Big Three”.** * **Well researched!** | * **You have identified and discussed in details the agreements concluded in the Potsdam Conference very well.** * **You have also provided a brief explanation to the significance of each agreement and explained how it began to cause tensions/conflict between the new “Big Three”.** | * **You have provided a decent amount of explanations about the agreements concluded in the Potsdam Conference.** * **You have begun providing brief details to the significance of each agreement and mentions how it began to cause tensions/conflict between the new “Big Three”.** | * **You have done a decent attempt in explaining the agreements concluded in the Potsdam Conference.** * **You have not identified the significance of each agreement, nor did you mention how it caused tensions/conflict between the new “Big Three”.** | * **Little or no attempt has been done in this activity.** |