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**International Law First Assignment**  
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**Chapter 2. Treaties**

A. The Sources of International Law  
B. A Treaty Sampler

The Treaty Between the Jews and the Romans  
(Circa 160 B.C.)  
The Peace of Westphalia (1648)  
The Treaty of Paris (1783)  
The Cession of Alaska (1867)  
The Kellogg-Briand Pact (1928)

1. Why do states continue to make treaties?  
2. What sanctions or features make states willing to comply with treaty terms?  
3. Treaties often serve the same purposes or functions that contracts, statutes, constitutions, and aspirational statements (‘We hold the following truths to be self-evident—that all men are created equal;’ ‘I pledge allegiance to the flag…’) serve in domestic law. What exactly are those purposes or functions?  
4. Which of these purposes or functions are addressed in the treaties in the Sampler?  
5. How are treaties entered into? What is the point of ceremony and formality? When are they useful?