

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand the significance of The Treaty of Versailles in shaping the post-World War I world.

## Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to a computer or library for research
- Prior knowledge of World War I

## Activities

### 1. Research and Summarize:

Using your available resources, research The Treaty of Versailles and its key provisions. Summarize your findings in your own words, highlighting the main points.

### 2. Debate and Role Play:

Imagine you are a representative from one of the countries involved in the negotiations of The Treaty of Versailles. Prepare a short speech defending your country's position and discuss the potential consequences of the treaty.

### 3. Create a Timeline:

Create a timeline of the events leading up to the signing of The Treaty of Versailles. Include key dates, events, and the major players involved. Use your artistic skills to make it visually appealing.

### 4. Compare and Contrast:

Compare The Treaty of Versailles with other peace treaties in history. Identify similarities and differences in their approach and impact. Write a short essay discussing your findings.

## Talking Points

- "The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, officially ending World War I."
- "The treaty placed full blame for the war on Germany and its allies, leading to significant financial reparations."
- "The treaty also resulted in territorial changes, with Germany losing land and colonies."
- "The harsh terms of the treaty contributed to economic instability in Germany and sowed the seeds for future conflicts."
- "The League of Nations was established as part of the treaty, with the aim of preventing future wars."
- "The Treaty of Versailles had a lasting impact on international relations and set the stage for World War II."