

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand the terms of the Treaty of Versailles and its impact on Germany.

## Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to online resources or books about the Treaty of Versailles
- Prior knowledge of World War I

## Activities

### 1. Create a Timeline

Ask the student to create a timeline of events leading up to the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. They should include key events from World War I and the negotiations that took place before the treaty was signed.

### 2. Role Play Negotiations

Divide the student into two groups - one representing the Allied Powers and the other representing Germany. Have them engage in a role play activity where they negotiate the terms of the treaty. Encourage them to consider the different perspectives and interests of each side.

### 3. Debate the Impact

Organize a debate where the student argues either for or against the idea that the Treaty of Versailles was fair to Germany. Provide them with resources to support their arguments and encourage critical thinking and analysis.

### 4. Research and Report

Assign the student to research and write a report on the long-term consequences of the Treaty of Versailles on Germany. They should explore topics such as economic challenges, political instability, and the rise of Adolf Hitler.

## 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, imposing heavy reparations and territorial losses."
- "Germany was forced to accept responsibility for the war, resulting in a damaged national pride and a desire for revenge."
- "The treaty led to economic hardships in Germany, including hyperinflation and high unemployment rates."
- "The political instability caused by the treaty created an environment conducive to the rise of extremist ideologies, such as Nazism."
- "The Treaty of Versailles is often considered one of the factors that contributed to the outbreak of World War II."