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Peace On Paper Answer Key

1. The Treaty of Versailles was signed in **1919**.
2. **Germany** was forced to take full responsibility for the war.
3. Germany had to **pay reparations** and **reduce its military**, as well as lose territory.
4. The treaty created the **League of Nations**.
5. The harsh terms left Germany's economy **weakened** and its people **resentful and humiliated**.
6. Many Americans opposed joining the League because they feared it would **entangle the U.S. in future European wars**.
7. The treaty's harsh punishments created **anger and instability in Germany**, which later contributed to the rise of Adolf Hitler and World War II.

Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** This worksheet helps students grasp the **key terms and consequences** of the Treaty of Versailles, focusing on its **political, economic, and social effects** following World War I.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For emerging learners, provide a short summary or visual timeline of postwar events before beginning.
 - For advanced students, encourage them to evaluate whether the treaty was **too harsh or justified** through a short written response.
 - Pre-teach essential terms such as *reparations*, *disarmament*, and *sovereignty*.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Conduct a mini "Peace Conference" simulation where students represent different nations debating the treaty's fairness.
 - Ask students to create a "headline and subheadline" summarizing the treaty's impact on Europe.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students research the **U.S. Senate debate** over the treaty and the League of Nations.
 - Connect this topic to the **rise of totalitarian regimes** in the 1920s and 1930s to show how the treaty's effects shaped global history.