

## US History

### Lesson 11: Navajo Code Talkers

Read the CNN article and watch the Codemakers video to complete the questions. The *In Search of History* video I traditionally show in class is also included. It is a wonderful video. Try to take the time to watch it.

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/11/28/us/navajo-code-talkers-trump-who/index.html>

<https://www.historynet.com/world-war-ii-navajo-code-talkers.htm>

<https://youtu.be/Po9vUB0vV74>

#### **CNN article: The incredible story of the Navajo Code Talkers that got lost in all the politics**

1. When was the program declassified?
2. The code was a key factor in American victories where?
3. Who created the plan to use the Navajo language as a secret code?
4. What language did the US military use for a secret code during World War I?
5. How many Navajos were originally recruited and trained to be Code Talkers?
6. Where did the Navajos first use their secret code?
7. How many people had learned the code by the end of the war?
8. In major battles, where was the Navajo Code used?
9. According the Nez, in his book "Code Talker," how were the Code Talkers needed?
10. How many died and how many were wounded in the Battle of Iwo Jima?

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11. Give a little detail about Philip Johnston.
12. How many meanings can a Navajo word have?
13. What language were young Navajo demanded to speak at U.S. government boarding schools?
14. Beside fluency in Navajo, what else did the candidates have to show?
15. What was the 382nd Platoon, U.S. Marine Corps referred to as?
16. Why was McCabe always accompanied by a white Marine?
17. In what Marine divisions did the Code Talkers serve?
18. Why did many banks refuse Navajo veterans home loans?
19. Where is the Navajo Nation capital?
20. When were the Code Talkers presented a certificate of appreciation?