

English 8

NAVAJO CODE TALKERS

Answer all of the following, using complete sentences, in your notebooks.

Before Reading:

1. Look at the photos on page 1. What can you infer about the code talkers?
2. a) Define the following vocabulary: Allies; upper hand; declassified; impenetrable.

b) What do you know about the Allies in World War II? What can you infer from the name?

c) Make at least three predictions about the article based on the vocabulary and title
3. How do you think the text features will help you understand the topic?

During Reading:

4. After reading page 1, what kinds of information do you suppose the Marine Corps would need to keep secret? Why would the Allies gain the upper hand?
5. After reading to the end of page 2, explain why Navajo is such an unusual language. Keeping this explanation in mind, what sort of qualities would make a good code talker?
6. When you finish reading page 3, explain what is meant by the word “declassified”. Why do you think this did not happen to the Navajo code until 1968?

After Reading:

7. Which text features helped you the most in understanding the article? Explain.
8. Why is it helpful to use prior knowledge when trying to make inferences? Give an example of how you used prior knowledge to help you understand this article.