

Code Talker

Pre-Reading Activity

1. Based on the title, Code Talker, do you think this book is fiction or non-fiction?

2. Based on the title, give a short summary of what you think the book is about.

3. Based on the front cover of the book, do you think this book is fiction or non-fiction?

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5. Based on the preview material on the back of the book, were you close in your guesses?

Consider the information you already know about the book.

6. Who is the author?

7. Who is the book about?

8. Where does the story take place?

9. When does the story take place?

Now do some research about the book. Answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper, or computer, and answer in complete sentences.

10. Where is the author from?

11. Does the author have a personal connection to the story? If so, explain that connection.

The story is about a group of Navajo men.

12. Who are the Navajo?

13. Where is the traditional lands of the Navajo people? (feel free to print a map)

14. What are some interesting facts about the Navajo?

The story is also about Marines during World War II.

15. When was World War II fought?

16. On which side of the war were the Navajo? Is this considered the winning or losing side?

17. Was it common for Native Americans to be part of the US military at that time?

18. Was it common for Aboriginal peoples in Canada to be part of the military at that time?

19. In reference to questions 17 and 18, why do you think it was that way?