

“Navajo Code Talkers” Prompt

Navajo Code Talkers—You are there . . .

Imagine that you are one of the men who helped devise and implement U.S. military encryption based on the Navajo language. Found in a trunk belonging to your elders is a letter describing the atrocities the Navajo suffered under the U.S. Army, an army you are now a part of. Though sad, this letter also encourages future generations to retain a culture that is hopeful, strong, and dignified. In response to this letter, write a letter back to your ancestors, addressing their concerns and conveying your accomplishments and your success in keeping the Navajo culture alive.