

Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story

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Year

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Genre

Nonfiction, Biography

Suggested Grade Level

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th

Cultural Experience

American Indian

"Suddenly the language he had been told to forget was important. Chester was proud he had never given up speaking Navajo."

Content Area Connections:

Language Arts: Determine central idea and key details in a biography, explain how events are connected, analyze how text features and illustrations support understanding,

and write informative or reflective responses using evidence.

Social Studies: World War II, cultural representation, military, veterans, contributions of Native Americans, **Social Emotional Learning (SEL):** Social awareness (respect for diverse contributions), self-awareness and cultural pride, perseverance, responsibility, and honoring service.

Art: Analyze how color, composition, and visual symbolism convey historical context and character strength; interpret how illustrations support informational text.

Primary Source Connection:

- [Interview with the Author](#)
- [Video - The Power of Words: Native Languages as Weapons of War](#) - shows Chester Nez
- [Interviews with Code Talkers](#)
- [National Museum of the American Indian Website](#) - includes many different sources

Other Books:

- [Quiet Hero: The Ira Hayes Story](#)
- [Jim Thorpe's Bright Path](#)
- [Unbreakable Code](#)