



# STEAM in the Classroom

SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY-ENGINEERING-AGRICULTURE-ART-MATH

## SPY KIDS-MAKE YOUR OWN CODE

For this challenge/activity you will need:

- pencil or pen
- paper or attached worksheet

### Introduction:

Since 1990, when President George H. W. Bush signed a proclamation, **Native American Heritage Month** has been celebrated in November. Native American Heritage Month traditionally honors the contributions and cultures of Indigenous people.

This week's STEAM challenge honors both Native American Heritage Month and Veteran's Day. During World War II, the United States Marines asked 29 Navajo men to create a new code for sending messages. These men became known as the Navajo Code Talkers. Using their own language, the Code Talkers helped send messages for the missions in the Pacific Ocean region from 1942 until 1945. The Japanese military was not able to break the code and important information was safely sent to American soldiers working in Japan. A group in Santa Fe, New Mexico is working to raise funds to build a museum to honor these men.

Information and Activity Sources:

<https://mrnussbaum.com/navajo-code-talkers-reading-comprehension-printable>

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Domenic-Dimenichi>

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Use the space below to create your very own code. Write a message. Then give the message and code to someone to decode it.

### Navajo Code Talkers: create your own code

You can use letters, numbers, words, symbols or whatever you like to make your code

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Write your code here:



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