

Code Talker

By Joseph Bruchac

Summary: Code Talker is about a Navajo (Native American) who uses his language to help win the war. It is World War Two and the United States of America is fighting against Japan. Every code the Americans have used to send secret information has been cracked by the Japanese. The Navajo language is one of the hardest languages to learn. The Americans, knowing that, chose Navajos to make a secret code to use at war. Ned Begay (the Navajo) and his friends risk their lives, going into war, making their own secret code, and saving millions of American lives.

Publisher's recommended age(s): 12-15

Teaching Resources/Ideas:

<https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?a=1&tid=1462>

<https://www.varsitytutors.com/englishteacher/code-talker>

About the Author: Joseph Bruchac is a highly acclaimed children's book author, poet, novelist and storyteller, as well as a scholar of Native American culture. Coauthor with Michael Caduto of the bestselling Keepers of the Earth series, Bruchac's poems, articles and stories have appeared in hundreds of publications, from Akwesasne Notes and American Poetry Review to National Geographic and Parabola. He has authored many books for adults and children including *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two*, *Skeleton Man*, and *The Heart of a Chief*. For more information about Joseph, please visit his website www.josephbruchac.com.

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Read Aloud:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxmPeM3oS6GdtOsYWPqDrdsllqJaw0ypZ>

