**Navajo Code Talkers**

**Navajo Language**

* No alphabet
* No Symbols
* Spoken only on Navajo lands in Southwest
* Less than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ non-Navajos could speak/ understand the language at the beginning of WWII. (none of them Japanese)

**Man V. Machine**

* Navajos could encode, transmits, and decode a three-line English message in 20 seconds.
* Machines of the time required 30 minutes to do the same

**Iwo Jima:**

* Major Howard Connor, 5th Marine Division signal officer, declared
  + *“Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima.”*
* Connor had six Navajo code talkers working around the clock during the first two days of the battle. Those six sent and received over \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_messages, all without error.

Navajo POW:

* The Navajo code talkers even stymied a Navajo soldier taken prisoner at Bataan.
* The Navajo soldier, forced to listen to the jumbled words of talker transmissions, said to a code talker after the war.
  + *“I never figured out what you guys who got me into all that trouble were saying.”*