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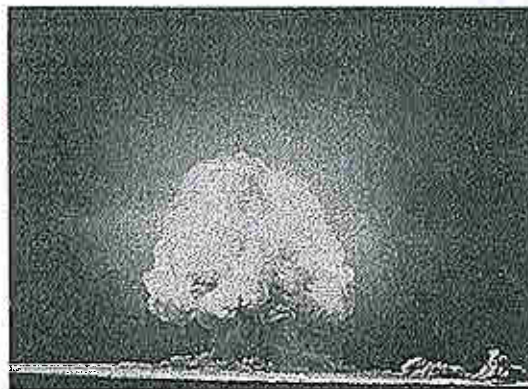
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Navajo Code Talkers



Trinity Test Site



2.

- Analyze the significance of these two photographs.
- Describe how each reveals a role of New Mexicans during World War II.

Be sure to write your responses in your answer document.

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Score	Description
4	Response accurately analyzes the significance of these two photographs and describes how each reveals a role of New Mexicans during World War II.
3	Response accurately addresses three parts of the question.
2	Response accurately addresses two parts of the question.
1	Response accurately addresses one part of the question.
0	Response is inaccurate or missing.

Scoring Notes:

- Native Americans from New Mexico often served as Navajo Code Talkers.
- As code talkers the Navajo were central to helping troops communicate. Navajo code talkers sent important U.S. military orders in a secret code based on the Navajo language. Very few non-Navajos understood the language, especially since it was unrelated to most other languages, which meant it was hard to decode.
- Because the enemy could not decode the messages sent by the Navajo, the Allies were able to keep their military plans from the enemy. This was crucial to the Allied victory.
- The Trinity Test Site was a prime location for the testing of atomic bombs in the state of New Mexico. The atomic bomb was developed at Los Alamos laboratories in New Mexico.
- The dropping of atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki led to Japan’s surrender ending World War II. The people of New Mexico helped make this happen by working at Los Alamos laboratories and testing nuclear weapons in New Mexico.
- The use of the atomic bomb saved many American lives by ending the war before U.S. troops had to launch a ground invasion of Japan. Because the people of New Mexico were willing to develop and test nuclear weapons the atomic bomb could be used in Japan.
- Though the Trinity Test site was forty miles from any substantial development, there were families and livestock that experienced radioactive fallout beyond the forty mile radius. During the war, the people of New Mexico worked to create an atomic bomb and put their own safety at risk to test the bomb.’

4 Parts:

1. Significance of Code Talker's
2. Code Talker's connection to New Mexico/New Mexicans
3. Significance of Trinity
4. Trinity Test Site connection to New Mexico/New Mexicans

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SCORE POINT 4

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Be sure to answer the entire question.

During World War II, Navajo Code Talkers helped get important messages to war officials without being compromised by the enemy. They talked in a code that only they understood. These Navajos were from New Mexico. The Trinity Test Site was also in New Mexico. This site is where atomic bombs were tested. The atomic bombs were used in World War II and were tested in New Mexico.

4 Score

Explains the significance of the code talkers "get important messages to war officials without being compromised by the enemy... only they understood."

Explains connection to NM "These Navajos were from New Mexico"

Explains the significance of Trinity "This site is where atomic bombs were tested... used in WWII"

Explains connection to NM "The Trinity Site was also in New Mexico"

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Score Point 4

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Be sure to answer the entire question.

The Navajo code talkers and the Trinity Test Site were both great contributions to World War II by New Mexico. The Navajo code talkers were Navajos, many from New Mexico, who were hired by the government in World War II to help with U.S. communication. They spoke in their native language, so no other countries could understand the codes. The Trinity Test Site was here in New Mexico, the government needed to test the effects of the nuclear bomb. New Mexico volunteered our land to test the nuclear bomb.

4 Score

Explains significance of the code talkers "hired by government in WWII to help with communications... native language... no other country understood their language."
Explains connection to NM "Many from NM"

Explains significance of Trinity Site "...test the effects of the nuclear bomb. NM volunteered our land to test the nuclear bomb"
Explains connection to NM "The Trinity Test site was here in NM"

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SCORE POINT 3

15.

Be sure to answer the entire question.

The roles that New Mexicans played in WWII were by helping build the atomic bomb. Researching and practicing in New Mexican grounds. ^{Other} Another role were the Navajo Code talkers. Creating a Code, helping the U.S. by enlisting and going to the ^{military} military. They gave the U.S. an advantage, by not letting the Japanese know the Code. Helping in many ways the U.S. in WWII.

3 Score

Explains the significance of Trinity Site " researching and practicing in NM grounds... "
Explains the connection to NM " New Mexicans helped build the atomic bomb.

Explains the significance of Navajo Code Talkers "Creating Code... Help US by enlisting... gave US advantage by not letting Japanese know the code."

DOES NOT explain the connection to NM.

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Score Point 3

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Be sure to answer the entire question.

Navajos, natives to New Mexico, helped the army by using their unique language as code that was impossible to decipher by anyone who could fluently speak the language. They saved many soldiers from being found by the Japanese.

New Mexico's uninhabited land was used to test bombs and missiles for the army.

3 Score

Explains the significance of Navajo Code Talkers "... helped by using their unique language as code that was impossible to decipher... saved many soldiers from being found by the Japanese"

Explains the connection to NM. "Navajos Native to New Mexico..."

Full Credit NOT given for explanation of the significance of Trinity Site " test bombs and missiles for the army" (Generic - too vague)

Explains the connection to NM " New Mexico uninhabited land was used..."

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SCORE POINT 2

15.

Be sure to answer the entire question.

The A bomb saved many American
lives from invading Japan, the Navajo
code breaker made a code that
is uncrackable and still is today.
The Navajo language doesn't have a
written language so it can't be cracked
without a written one.

2 Score

Explains the significance of Trinity Site "A bomb saved many American lives from invading Japan
DOES NOT explain connection to NM. ("A" bomb for atomic bomb reference receives full credit)

Explains significance of the Code Talkers "... made code that is uncrackable..."
DOES NOT explain connection to NM.

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Score Point 2

51 Be sure to answer the entire question.

The significance of Navajo code talkers is that most Navajos came from New Mexico. New Mexicans helped a lot during the war. The significance of the Trinity test site is that it happened in New Mexico and a lot of New Mexicans had a big role in that project.

2 Score

Explains Code talkers connection to NM "...most Navajos came from New Mexico"
DOES NOT explain the significance.

Explains Trinity connection to NM "... the Trinity test site... in New Mexico..."
DOES NOT explain the significance.

NOTE: student may say "significance", but then state a New Mexico "role" or vice-versa.

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SCORE POINT 1

15. Be sure to answer the entire question.

The significance of these two photographs is that they both have to do with the atomic bomb. Each reveals a role of New Mexicans during World War II by showing bits of New Mexico. The Trinity site is ^{here} in New Mexico. And Navajo code talkers, we're them.

1 Score

Explains the Trinity Site Connection to NM. "...the Trinity Site is here in New Mexico."

Vague - Explains connections of Navajo to NM "And Navajo Code Talker, we're them" referring to New Mexicans.

Vague - Explains significance "both have to do with the atomic bombs"

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SCORE POINT 0

15.

Be sure to answer the entire question.

• The significance in this two
photographs are that there exist
heroes in our New Mexicans.

• The importance of our nation
being together to save our Country
and defend it.

0 Score

Not enough to determine student has understanding.

"... exist heroes in our New Mexicans." to vague for credit.

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They show us what happened
and how things happened in
world war II

0 Score

Incorrect. Does not answer the question.

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Be sure to answer the entire question.

Navajos were a key asset in our victory
in World War II. Native to New Mexico,
these soldiers produced an unbreakable
code for our troops to use. The second
picture displays the work of all the
New Mexican scientists in their effort
to create an atomic bomb to end
the war victoriously.

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4 Score

Explains significance of the code talkers "... the soldiers produced unbreakable code..."
Explains connection to NM "Native to NM"

Explains significance of Trinity Site "...effect to create an atomic bomb to end the war..."
Explains connection to NM "... New Mexican scientist"

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Navajo Code was a secret language
used in WWII so the enemies didn't
know what they were saying because
only the Navajo Code talkers know

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1 Score

Minimal credit for the significance of the Navajo code talkers " ... a secret language... so the enemies didn't know what they were saying.."

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The Navajo code talkers help with creating an unbreakable code, which the Navajos translated English words to their own native language and the Japanese could not translate these words or codes. The Atomic-bomb also was created in New Mexico and ^{was} tested and ^{conducted} in New Mexico. This allows scientist to improve their ideas and thoughts about the atomic bomb and when that type of ^{weapon} should be used.

3 Score

Explains significance of the code talkers "... creating an unbreakable code... Japanese could not translate..."

DOES NOT Explain connection to NM

Explains significance of Trinity Site "...scientists to improve their ideas and thoughts about the atomic bomb and when that type of weapon should be used."

Explains connection to NM "atomic bombs created/tested/conducted in NM"

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1 The Navajo code talkers where
one reason we won the war because
the japness could not under-
stand what they where sending in
the messages.

The trinity site is where
the first atomic bomb went
off.

D

2 Score

Explains significance of the code talkers, "Japanese could not understand what they
where sending in the messages."

DOES NOT Explains connection to NM

Explains significance of Trinity Site "...where the first atomic bomb went off"

DOES NOT Explains connection to NM

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The Navajos had reservations here, the trinity test site was almost in the same area just at different times.

E

0 Score

This response is inaccurate as to the question posed. The first sentence almost gets to some credit for the New Mexico role aspect of the Navajo Code Talkers, but "here" is left undefined. "In New Mexico" would have garnered at least a 1. In the balance of the response there is again no evidence of any understanding beyond the captions and photographs provided in the prompt.

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Be sure to answer the entire question.

During World War II, the Americans had difficulty getting secret messages to others. The only language the Japanese could not decipher was the Indian language of the Navajos. The Navajos were the code talkers, transferring coded messages back and forth. The development and testing of the atomic bomb took place in New Mexico. The atomic bomb was later used in World War II on Japan.

3 Score

Explains significance of the code talkers "... the only language the Japanese could not decipher was the Indian Language of the Navajos.... "

DOES NOT Explains connection to NM

Trinity site is brief but both parts are there.

Explains significance of Trinity Site "The development and testing of the atomic bomb... later used in WWII on Japan"

Explains connection to NM "... took place in New Mexico"

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Be sure to answer the entire question.

Both photographs are events of World War II. The Navajo Code Talkers helped send messages without the opposing side to be able to understand. The Trinity Test site is where nuclear bombs were tested.

G

2 Score

Explains the significance of code talkers "...helped send messages without the opposing side to be able to understand.

DOES NOT Explain connection to NM

Explains the significance Trinity Site "... is where nuclear bombs were tested.

DOES NOT Explain connection to NM

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Be sure to answer the entire question.

The top picture I don't know, but
the bottom picture was use here
in New Mexico in White Sands for
a test area.

H

1 Score

Explains Trinity site and connection to NM "...was used here in NM in White Sands.

"for test area" is to vague for credit on the significance - test area for what?

The first portion of this response obviously receives no credit relative to the Code Talkers. The second portion about the Trinity Test Site relates nothing about the significance of the test site, but does identify the New Mexico role at White Sands. Therefore, this is a score point 1 response which accurately addresses one part of the four part question.

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The Navajo talkers were very useful
in world war II because the Japanese
would try to break through their codes
but they couldn't comprehend what was
being said, most of the code talkers
were from New Mexico.

The first Atomic explosion was in
New Mexico on July 16, 1945, this bomb
helped world war II come to an end
by bombing Japan.

Date is
correct.

4 Score

Explains the significance of the code talkers, "Japanese would try to break thru their codes but couldn't comprehend..."

Explains the connection to NM "...most of the code talkers were form NM"

Explains the significance of Trinity Site "Bomb helped WWII come to and end"

Explains the connection to NM "First atomic explosion was in NM"

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Be sure to answer the entire question.

The top picture is when we used the Navajo language
to talk to our other troops. They were code talkers
so that the Japanese would not know what we were
saying and planning. They lived in New Mexico. The
bottom picture is the Army testing our bombs
in the desert in New Mexico. There is a lot
of free space so they used it.

Student Response rewritten:

The top picture is when we used the Navajo language to talk to our other troops. They were code talkers so that the Japanese would not know what we were saying and planning. They lived in New Mexico. The bottom picture is the army testing our bombs in the desert in New Mexico. There is a lot of free space so they used it.

3 Score

Explains the significance of code talkers "...so that the Japanese would not know what we were saying and planning."

Explains connection to NM, "they lived in NM"

DOES NOT Explains the significance Trinity Site - "testing bombs" is not specific enough for full credit.

Explains connection to NM, "testing out our bombs in the desert of NM"

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The code talkers helped win the war
because germans could not ^{crack} ~~use~~ ^{use}
the code.

The trinity site showed the
developers what they had accomplished.

1 Score

Minimal credit for significance of code talkers "Germans could not crack the code"

Trinity site explanation is too vague.

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The Navajo code talkers were Marines that fought in the Pacific. They spoke Navajo through the radio, so the code couldn't be broken.

The Trinity test site, is where the U.S. tested the atomic bomb. These are key to New Mexico, because the code talkers came from the Navajo reservation, which half of it is in New Mexico. The atomic bomb wasn't only tested here, but it was also designed here at Los Alamos labs.

4 Score

Explains significance of code talkers "...code couldn't be broken..."
Explains connection to NM "...came from Navajo Reservation... in New Mexico"

Explains significance of Trinity Site "...where the US tested the atomic bomb"
Explains connection to NM " Atomic Bomb tested in New Mexico and designed at Los Alamos Labs (NM)"

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51 Be sure to answer the entire question.
equal

Both pictures have an equal significance.

In World War II, the code talkers maintained
a code unbreakable to the Japanese. The nuclear
Hiroshima and Nagasaki
bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki,
severely weakening Japanese forces, resulting
their surrender.

M

2 Score

Explains significance of code talkers "...maintained a code unbreakable to the Japanese..."
DOES NOT explain connection to NM

Explains significance of Trinity Site "... nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki..."

DOES NOT explain connection to NM