

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Summer Reading Guiding Questions**  
*Code Talker*

**\* These questions are meant to serve as a general guide for the reading. Students should also take notes on the plot and characters in the novel as they read.**

1. Why was Ned sent to boarding school? Describe his experience at boarding school.
2. Explain the cultural differences between the Navajos and the whites (while Ned is at boarding school or in the marines).
3. How was the Navajo code developed and what purpose did it serve in World War II?
4. What is Ned's connection to his family while he is in the marines?
5. Explain ways in which the Japanese do not follow the rules of modern warfare.
6. How is Ned able to survive the hardships of boarding school and the trauma of war?
7. What is the significance of the Navajo role in the battle of Iwo Jima?