

## **Possible Topics/Individuals for Independent Poster Projects**

The following lists include resources on specific individuals, American Indian veterans in general, and Native language preservation efforts. These lists are not exhaustive and should be used as a starting point for independent research. Many other resources can be readily found at reputable sites by googling “American Indian code talker” or “Native language preservation” or similar terms. Students will need supervision when searching for information, as some biographical accounts could contain material that is not age-appropriate.

### **Resources about specific individuals and/or tribes**

#### **Choctaw Code Talkers of WWI:**

<http://www.choctawnation.com/history/people/code-talkers/code-talkers-of-wwi>

#### **Comanche Code Talkers, WWI, WWII:**

[http://signal.army.mil/OLD/history/05\\_comanche\\_code-talkers.html](http://signal.army.mil/OLD/history/05_comanche_code-talkers.html)

[www.thejournalie.com/native-american-code-talkers-1183320-Nov2103/](http://www.thejournalie.com/native-american-code-talkers-1183320-Nov2103/)

**Code Talkers of WWI and WWII (various tribes, individuals’ names mentioned):** <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/entries/C/CO013.html>

#### **Native American Women Veterans:**

<http://www.defense.gov/specials/americanindian/women.html> This website contains brief descriptions of about twenty American Indian women veterans from different tribes who fought in or participated in different wars. It is a good place to start for researching particular individuals.

**You Tube** has several videos of (or about) WWII code talkers, including Navajo, Comanche, and Choctaw code talkers (generally) and specific individuals (Chester Nez, Peter MacDonald, Keith Little, Joe Vandever, etc.) These should be previewed by the teacher for age-appropriate content. Many are excellent, short interviews.

#### **Adeline Mathias (Kootenai) – Kootenai elder, culture-keeper, language instructor:**

<http://montanawomenshistory.org/tag/adeline-mathias/>

#### **Barney and Henry Old Coyote (Crow) – WWII code talkers:**

[http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/100/newsmakers/article\\_f62e82b6-17c0-11e1-ad9c-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/100/newsmakers/article_f62e82b6-17c0-11e1-ad9c-001cc4c002e0.html)

[http://mhs.mt.gov/Portals/11/education/docs/footlocker/userguideWWII\\_ftlkr.pdf](http://mhs.mt.gov/Portals/11/education/docs/footlocker/userguideWWII_ftlkr.pdf)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u62uwW2QUM> (“Face the State” video interview)

#### **Charles Chibitty (Comanche) – code talker during WWII:**

[http://www.army.mil/article/90294/Charles\\_Chibitty\\_\\_Comanche\\_Code\\_Talker/](http://www.army.mil/article/90294/Charles_Chibitty__Comanche_Code_Talker/)

[www.defense.gov/specials/nativeam02/chibitty.html](http://www.defense.gov/specials/nativeam02/chibitty.html)

**Frank Samache (one of eight Mesqwaki Code Talkers), WWII:** <http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/nation/2002/07/06/codetalkers.htm>

**Minnie Spotted Wolf (Blackfeet)** – first American Indian woman to volunteer for WWI in the Marines:  
<http://archive.greatfalltribune.com/multimedia/Stories/spottedwolf.html>  
<http://blogs.archives.gov/prologue/?p=12708>

**John Goodluck, Sr. (Navajo)** – code talker during WWII:  
[www.defense.gov/specials/nativeam02/vets.html](http://www.defense.gov/specials/nativeam02/vets.html)

**Ola Mildred Rexroat (Oglala Lakota)** – the only Native American woman in the Women’s Airforce Service Pilots/WASP, WWII:  
[http://www.oneofmanyfeathers.com/ola\\_mildred\\_rexroat.html](http://www.oneofmanyfeathers.com/ola_mildred_rexroat.html)  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women\\_Airforce\\_Service\\_Pilots](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women_Airforce_Service_Pilots)

**Theresa Walker Lamebull (White Clay) – Teacher of A’a nii nin language (White Clay):**  
<http://montanawomenshistory.org/theresa-walker-lamebull-kept-her-language-alive/>

#### **Native Language Preservation Resources:**

(This is just a sample of many possible articles on Native language teachers, schools, and other preservation efforts. Students can search by language or tribe to find many additional sources of information.)

**Blackfeet language immersion program at Cutswood School in Browning, Montana:**  
<http://www.pieganinstitute.org/>  
[http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2005-10-06/features/0510050406\\_1\\_gaelic-blackfoot-tongue](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2005-10-06/features/0510050406_1_gaelic-blackfoot-tongue) (This opens the first page of a 3-page article, but has links to pages 2 and 3.)

**Darrell Kipp (Blackfeet), founder of Piegan Institute, obituary:** <http://archive.greatfalltribune.com/article/20131122/NEWS01/311220027/Trailblazer-dies-Piegan-Institute-co-founder-s-efforts-revitalize-Native-languages-helped-spark-revolution>

**White Clay Immersion School at Fort Belknap:** <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/02/12/immersion-school-saving-native-american-language-97341> (Search White Clay Immersion or Lynette Chandler for more information.)

**Shoshone language preservation (includes audio):**  
<http://boisestatepublicradio.org/post/idaho-s-first-public-native-american-language-school-works-preserve-shoshone-culture>

**Native language preservation efforts, particularly Lakota:**  
<http://www.pieganinstitute.org/languagepreservationafocusthroughoutindiancountry.pdf>

**Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act:**  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esther\\_Martinez\\_Native\\_American\\_Languages\\_Preservation\\_Act](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Esther_Martinez_Native_American_Languages_Preservation_Act)

#### **General information on American Indian veterans and code talkers, and Montana resources:**

**Code Talkers Recognition Act** has names of several Sioux (Lakota) and Comanche code talkers. [http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002\\_cr/hr3250.html](http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_cr/hr3250.html)

**Native Words, Native Warriors, online exhibit of the National Museum of the American Indian:** <http://nmai.si.edu/education/codetalkers/> This site includes useful historical information, biographical sketches of a handful of code talkers, insights into the importance of language diversity, historical photographs of code talkers, audio recordings, and a do-it-yourself secret message activity, as well as additional lesson plans and an excellent bibliography of film, online, and printed materials for adults and students.

**The Role of Native Americans during WWII:** <http://armedforcesmuseum.com/the-role-of-native-americans-during-world-war-ii/>

**Montana Memory Project:**

<http://mtmemory.org/> This searchable data base includes several historic Montana newspapers in addition to photographs, maps, and local publications from across the state. To access the newspapers, use the pull-down menu under the Print Materials tab. The Montana Historical Society

**Montana Historical Society's digital collections available through the Montana Memory Project:**

<http://mhs.mt.gov/research/online/mmp> This website includes lists of Montanans enlisted in WWI and WWII. It also provides a useful guide for accessing MHS collections that are available online through the Montana Memory Project.

**Newspapers on or near Montana Indian reservations:**

**Big Horn County News:** [www.bighorncountynews.com](http://www.bighorncountynews.com)

**Char-Koosta News:** [www.charkoosta.com](http://www.charkoosta.com)

**Cut Bank Pioneer Press:** [http://goldentrianglenews.com/cut\\_bank\\_pioneer\\_press/](http://goldentrianglenews.com/cut_bank_pioneer_press/)

**Fort Peck Journal:** [www.fortpeckjournal.net](http://www.fortpeckjournal.net)

**Glacier Reporter:** [http://goldentrianglenews.com/glacier\\_reporter/](http://goldentrianglenews.com/glacier_reporter/)

**Great Falls Tribune:** [www.greatfallstribune.com](http://www.greatfallstribune.com)

**Havre Daily News:** [www.havredailynews.com](http://www.havredailynews.com)

**Herald-News:** [www.wolfpointherald.com](http://www.wolfpointherald.com)

**Lake County Leader:** [www.leaderadvertiser.com](http://www.leaderadvertiser.com)

**Billings Gazette:** <http://billingsgazette.com/>