BOOMbox at Home Decoding Challenge

During World War I and World War II, Native Americans played a special role in the Allied Forces. Native American soldiers, known as code talker, developed a code for transmitting messages based on their languages. The most famous of these codes is the one created by the Navajo (or Diné). A dictionary based on the code was declassified in 1968. Using that code dictionary, try to decode these messages! We'll also share more about code talkers in a BOOMbox at Home blog post.

Encoded

- CHA-GEE BIH-TSE-DIH AL-NESHODI NE-TEH UT-ZAH-HA-DEZ-BIN
- BESH-LEGAI-NAH-KIH GLOE-IH-DOT-SAHI KHAC-DA BIH-NA-HAS-DZOH MA-E A-KHA NO-DA-IH GAH BILH TOH-DINEH-IH.
- YEEL-STOD CHAY-DA-GAHI BILH-BIGIH CHAH-HO-OH-LHAN-IH
- JI-DIN-NES-CHANH GLOE-EH-NA-AH-WO-HAI NAY-ES-TEE YO-AH-HOL-ZHOD.
- A-CHI DIBEH-YAZZIE A-KHA A-KEH-DI-GLINI AH-NAH KLESH BA-AH-NE-DI-TININ TLO-CHIN KLIZZIE-YAZZIE TKIN DZEH BI-SO-DIH NO-DA-IH SHUSH AH-JAD YEH-HES MOASI NASH-DOIE-TSO A-CHI TOISH-JEH DAH-NES-TSA BE-LA-SANA AH-LOSZ TSAH-AS-ZIH
- BE AH-NAH BA-GOSHI A-KHA LHA-CHA-EH TKIN A-CHIN KLIZZIE YEH-HES KLESH MA-E NO-DA-IH TSAH
- TA-BAS-DSISSI GLOE-IH-DOT-SAHI WHO-NEH GLOE-EH-NA-AH-WO-HAI NE-OL IL-DAY
- AH-NA-SOZI-YAZZIE BIH-TSEE-DIH NA-WOL-NE AL-TAH-JE-JAY BI-TSAN-DEHN BESH-BE-CHA-HE
- A-DO-NIL A-TKEL-EL-INI
- BE-TAS-TNI AH-JAH AH-NAH THAN-ZIE TSIN-TLITI DZEH TKIN A-CHIN A-WOH TSE-GAH AH-NAH CLA-GI-AIH WOL-LA-CHEE AH-LOSZ KLIZZIE-YAZZIE TSE-NILL D-AH TSA-E-DONIN-EE TKIN A-KEH-DI-GLINI DZEH
- NASH-DOIE-TSO AH-NAH THAN-ZIE KLESH JEHA NE-AHS-JAH D-AH A-KHA A-WOH LIN DZEH TOISH-JEH TLO-CHIN NE-AHS-JAH BE-TAS-TNI SHUSH A-KHA AL-NA-AS-DZOH GLOE-IH CHA DZEH TSAH YEH-HES A-WOH AH-LOSZ AH-JAH NE-AHS-JAH NE-ZHONI AH-NAH TSAH DIBEH
- TSA-E-DONIN-EE TSE-NILL NASH-DOIE-TSO DIBEH-YAZZIE TKIN DIBEH NA-AS-TSO-SI TSAH-AS-ZIH CHUO TSE-NILL A-KEH-DI-GLINI A-KHA DAH-NES-TSA A-CHI A-WOH AH-NAH DIBEH DZEH BE-LA-SANA KLESH NE-AHS-JAH TSAH

No peeking! The decoded messages are on the next page.

Decoded

- The previous mission was successful.
- Captain will ambush zone four with ships.
- Seize tank within village.
- Retreat when visibility (is) clear.
- I love Skokie Public Library.
- Decoding is fun.
- Coast Guard will report when storm arrive(s).
- Fortify base. Expect attack from Germany.
- Execute saboteur.
- Meet me in the park at five.
- Let's go to the BOOMbox tomorrow.
- Fall is my favorite season.

What will you learn today?

