THE
NAVAJO
NATION
SEAL
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Lesson Objectives:

I can identify the symbols of the Navajo Nation Symbol.

I can interpret the purpose and meaning of the Navajo Nation symbols.
ENGAGE: Navajo Nation Flag Song

YouTube Video Link: https://youtu.be/65atjSc0WHk
EXPLORE: The Creator of the Navajo Nation Seal

Article by Navajo Hopi Observer: Creator of Navajo Nation Seal, John Claw Jr., 82, passes on
EXPLORE

To learn more about the Navajo Nation Seal you can also visit NavajoCode.org.
EXPLAIN: Diné Vocabulary

Béésh ‘est’ogii - arrowhead
Nááts ’ ílíid - rainbow
Nihikéyah - our land
Dzil dadiyinii - sacred mountains
Naadlooshii - animals
Jíhoonaa ‘éí - sun
Naadáá’ - corn
EXPLAIN: FACTS ABOUT THE NAVAJO NATION SEAL

● Navajo Tribal Council adopted the Great Seal in 1952
● Seal designed by John Claw Jr.
● 50 arrowheads- represent protection in 50 states
● Lines of the inner circle represent
  ○ a rainbow
  ○ sovereignty of the Navajo Nation
● Top opening - East - rising sun
Animal Symbols

Traditional livestock in center:
- Horse
- Cow
- Sheep
EXPLAIN: Sun and the Mountains Symbols

Sun shines on four sacred mountains:

- **Blanca Peak, Eastern Colorado** - (white) White Shell Woman in the East
- **Mount Taylor, New Mexico** - (blue) Turquoise Woman in the South
- **San Francisco Peaks, Arizona** - (yellow) Abalone Woman in the West
- **Hesperus Mountain, western Colorado** - (black) Jet Woman in the North
EXPLAIN: Corn Plants Symbols

Two corn plants - symbolic of sustainer of life

Yellow pollen- used in sacred Navajo ceremonies
APPLY: Drag and Drop Mountains Symbols

Directions: Move the names to the correct mountain.

- Blanca Peak
- Mount Taylor
GREAT SEAL OF THE NAVAJO NATION

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EVALUATE:

Take this Quiz to demonstrate what you learned in this unit.

Or

Create your own seal. Use this grading Rubric to help you develop your seal.
ELABORATE: Create your own seal

Electronic Drawing and Paper Printable Template

You may use the following symbols to make your own seal.

- Family
- Clans
- Sacred Mountain
- Plants (corn, squash, beans...)
- Stones
- Animals

Present it to your class.
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Standards:

PO 2. I will identify symbols of the Navajo Nation.
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