



# 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](https://www.NavajoCode.org).



# EXPLAIN: Diné Vocabulary

Béésh 'est'ogii - arrowhead

Nááts ' íilid - rainbow

Nihikéyah - our land

Dzil dadiyinii - sacred mountains

Naadlooshii - animals

Jíhoonaa 'éí - sun

Naadáá' - corn

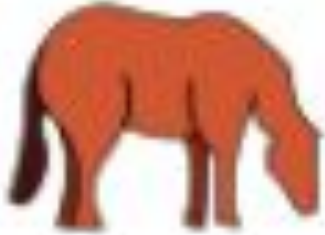
# EXPLAIN: FACTS ABOUT THE NAVAJO NATION SEAL

- 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





**EXPLAIN:**



# Animal Symbols

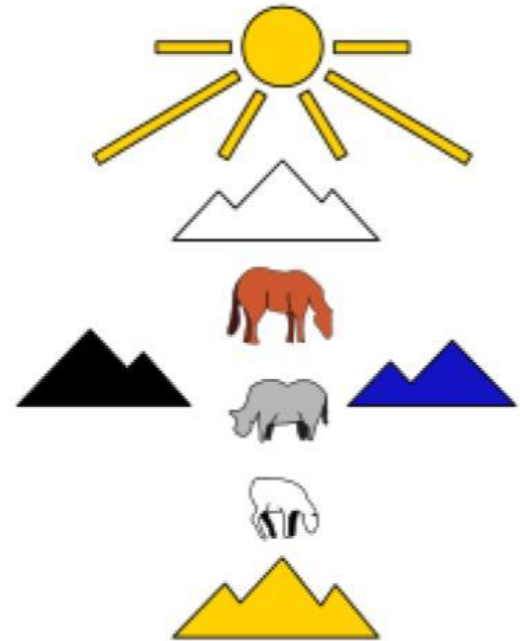
Traditional livestock in center:

- 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



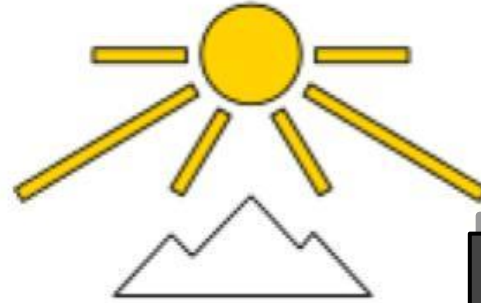
# EXPLAIN: Corn Plants Symbols

Two corn plants - symbolic of sustainer of life

Yellow pollen- used in sacred Navajo ceremonies



# APPLY: Drag and Drop Mountains Symbols



Blanca Peak



Mount Taylor



GREAT SEAL OF THE NAVAJO NATION



Nihikéyah - our land

Naadáá' - corn



## 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.

PO 3. I will interpret the purpose and meaning of the Navajo Nation symbols

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