

Process paper

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As the Axis Powers gained momentum during WWII, the U.S fought to find a way to stop this advancement. Men were needed on the front lines, and because of this, women were being discreetly contacted to join the war effort to crack codes that were a form of vital communication in the war effort for the Allies. Due to the astonishing strides made by these women, the way the military worked was dramatically changed. Their code-breaking communications also led to the creation of the precursors to the N.S.A and the C.I.A. I chose this topic because of my Mom. We listened to Code Girls, by Liza Mundy in the car on our long road trips. It made me realize how much women were cut out of history, and I want to bring attention to their work.

My Class went to the Delano public library, and we also got help from the Hennepin county library. There I learned good, informational sights to check, like the library of Congress. Eventually, I started finding more sites that talked about the information instead of just the book. I found things that talked about the code girls' treatment, living conditions, and training.

I picked my topic mostly from inspiration, my mom talks about stuff like this a lot, and it inspired me to try to bring attention to this in my way. I chose my presentation category because

I felt it was my best option for distance learning, and I created a webpage on Google sites before. I had to create a website using this platform for the first time, which was kind of difficult.

This relates to this year's theme because the code girls had to break up communications from the Axis forces, they also had to make their communications to trick enemies during D-Day. There was also the communication to get these women code breakers. This topic is important because without the intelligence and work of these women we wouldn't have the C.I.A or N.S.A. We also could have lost the war, since without them we might have not broken the coded message that led to D-Day, and it was a woman codebreaker who first found out that war had ended.