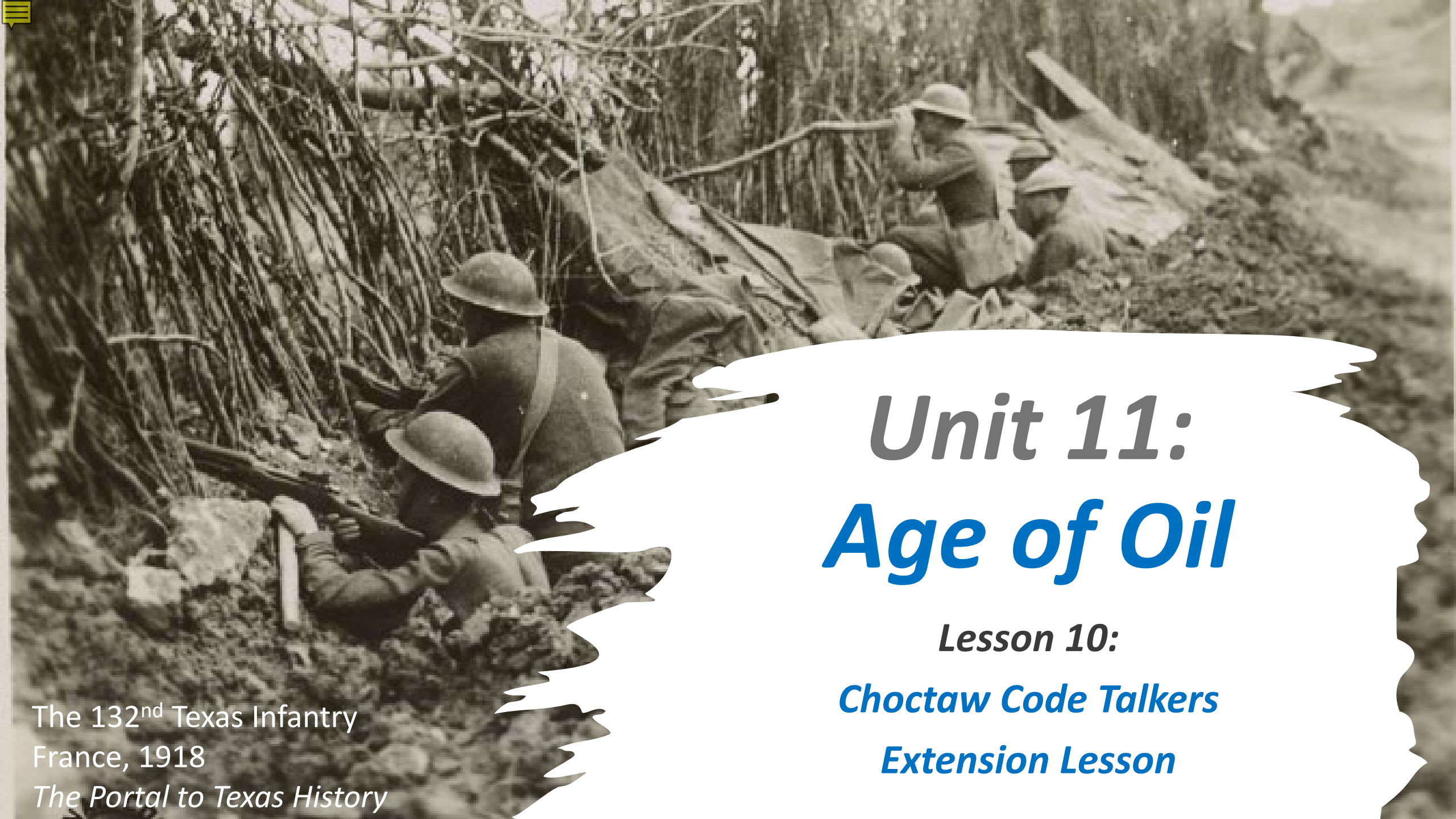


Unit 11:
Age of Oil

Lesson 10:
Choctaw Code Talkers
Extension Lesson

The 132nd Texas Infantry
France, 1918
The Portal to Texas History

Warm-up

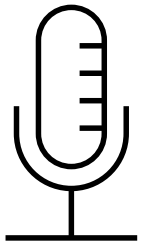
Use the image to complete your warm-up



German soldiers using a wireless field telegraph station.

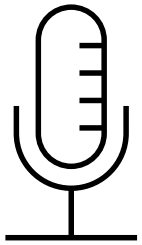
World War I, 1915.

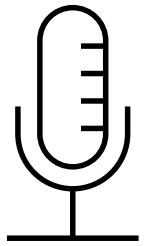
Share with the class



One thing I observe about the image is _____

One thing I can infer about this lesson based on the image is _____





One thing I predict we will see in this lesson based on the image is _____

Essential Question

What was one major communications challenge the U.S. military faced during World War I, and how did it address this challenge?

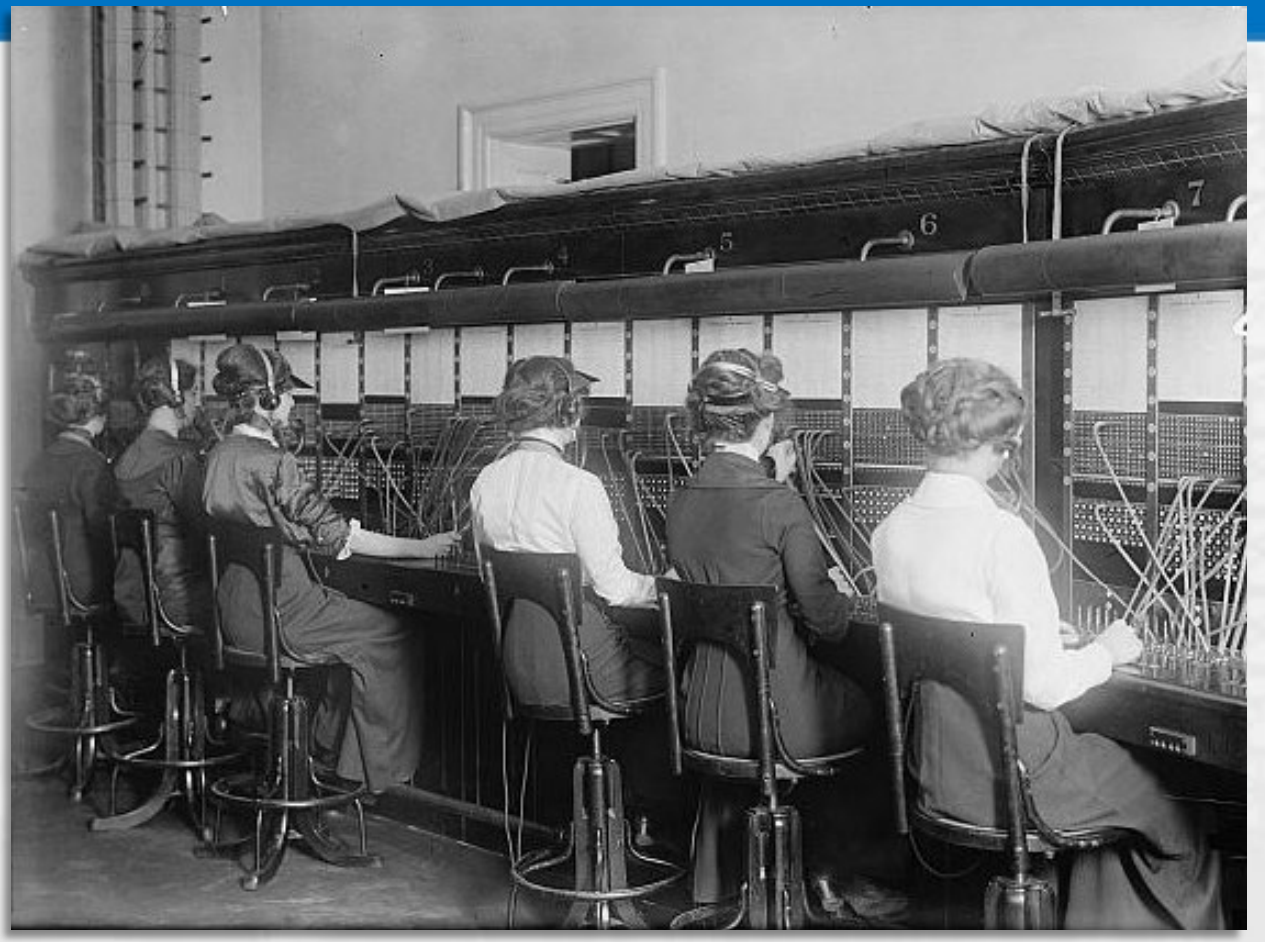
In today's lesson...

1. ***We will*** examine one major communications challenge the U.S. military faced during World War I and how the military addressed the challenge.
2. ***I will*** be able to explain who the Choctaw code talkers were and their significance to the U.S. war effort during World War I.

Part I: Communications & World War I



A printing telegraph, 1908
The Library of Congress



The "Hello Girls" of World War I: Female army telephone operators. *The Library of Congress.*

Part II: Choctaw Code Talkers



The "Choctaw Telephone Squad" of the Texas 142nd Infantry Regiment, 1919.
The Portal to Texas History

Part III: Adapting a Language

"***Twice big group***" = Battalion

"***Eight group***" = Squad

"***Scalps***" = Casualties

"***Fast shooting gun***" = Machine gun

"***Big gun***" = Field artillery

Part IV: The Legacy of American Indian Code Talkers



American Indian Code Talkers, World War II
July 1943.
U.S. Marine Corps Archives



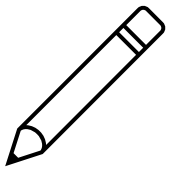
Dan Akee, WWII veteran and Navajo Code Talker, 2010.
Grand Canyon National Park Service

Exit Ticket:

Follow the directions to complete your exit ticket



- Starting in the middle of your chart, read the **CHALLENGE** the U.S. military faced.



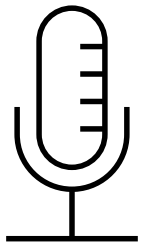
- Provide the **CAUSE** and the **SOLUTION** in the spaced provided.



- Share with a partner.



Share with the class



One thing that caused the U.S. army to change its wartime communications was _____

The U.S. Army's solution to their communications challenge was to _____

