

# American Legends: The Life of Crazy Horse

## A Lakota Warrior Who Fought for His People's Freedom and Heritage

Crazy Horse was a Lakota warrior who fought against the United States government in the 19th century. He was a skilled tactician and a brave leader, and he played a key role in several major battles, including the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Crazy Horse was also a gifted artist, and he left behind a legacy of beautiful artwork that reflects his deep connection to the Lakota people and their way of life.



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Crazy Horse was born in 1840 on the Great Plains of what is now South Dakota. He was given the name Tashunka Witko, which means "Crazy Horse" in Lakota. Crazy Horse's father was a respected warrior, and his mother was a skilled healer. Crazy Horse grew up learning the ways of the Lakota people, and he became a skilled hunter and warrior.

In the 1860s, the United States government began to encroach on Lakota territory. The government wanted to build roads and railroads through Lakota land, and it also wanted to force the Lakota people to give up their traditional way of life and move to reservations. Crazy Horse and other Lakota warriors resisted the government's advances, and they fought to protect their land and their way of life.

Crazy Horse became a leader of the Lakota resistance movement, and he played a key role in several major battles, including the Battle of the Little Bighorn. In 1876, Crazy Horse and his warriors defeated the 7th Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. This was a major victory for the Lakota people, and it helped to inspire other Native American tribes to resist the government's advances.

After the Battle of the Little Bighorn, Crazy Horse and his warriors continued to fight against the United States government. However, the government was determined to defeat the Lakota resistance, and it eventually succeeded. In 1877, Crazy Horse was forced to surrender, and he was taken to Fort Robinson, Nebraska. Crazy Horse died at Fort Robinson in 1877, under mysterious circumstances. He was only 37 years old.

Crazy Horse was a brave and skilled warrior who fought for his people's freedom and heritage. He was also a gifted artist, and he left behind a legacy of beautiful artwork that reflects his deep connection to the Lakota people and their way of life. Crazy Horse is a true American hero, and his story is one that should be told and retold for generations to come.

## **Legacy**

Crazy Horse's legacy lives on today in the many monuments and memorials that have been erected in his honor. The Crazy Horse Memorial in South Dakota is the world's largest mountain carving, and it is a testament to Crazy Horse's courage and determination. Crazy Horse's image is also featured on the United States dime, and he is one of only a few Native Americans to be so honored.

Crazy Horse's story is one of courage, determination, and sacrifice. He was a true American hero, and his legacy continues to inspire people today.

## Image Alt Attributes

\* Crazy Horse: A photograph of Crazy Horse, a Lakota warrior who fought against the United States government in the 19th century. \* Battle of the Little Bighorn: A painting of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, a major battle between the Lakota people and the United States Army. \* Crazy Horse Memorial: A photograph of the Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain carving. \* United States dime: A photograph of the United States dime, which features the image of Crazy Horse.



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