

Middle School/High School Critical Thinking and Discussion Questions

Washington County Heritage Center 1862 Greeley Street South, Stillwater, MN 55082

1. The Native American beadwork exhibit shows craftwork that took countless hours to create. How have society's leisure activities changed over the decades, and what has remained the same?

2. "The Sixties: Fashion & The Frontier" exhibit is all about clothing. What kinds of things can be communicated through clothing choices?

3. John Runk was a true innovator in that he had relentless curiosity towards his interests. What are you passionate about, and what drives you to pursue those passions?

4. What are some ways that shopping for food has changed over time? What hasn't changed?

5. Lumberjacks did not have an easy life – they worked all winter, often wearing the same clothing for months on end, and did work that was highly physically demanding. However, some lumberjacks also considered their work to be exciting and adventurous, and enjoyed with their coworkers. Would you have wanted to be a lumberjack? Why or why not?

6. Museums strive to tell the stories from a lot of different cultures and demographics, but sadly certain communities have been historically overlooked. Why is it important to tell stories from people of all different backgrounds? What are some communities you saw represented, and which ones were missing?
