



Washington County Heritage Center Student Discovery Questions

Native American Beadwork

1. What animal is referred to in the pattern “hop-hop-slide?”
2. Before glass beads were available, what did both the Ojibwe & Dakota use for crafting?
3. What other Native American tribe is related to the Dakota tribe?
4. A “Moccasin Vamp” is what part of the moccasin?
5. “Gijipizon” is the Ojibwe word for what?

John Runk: A Curious Mind

1. What did John Runk do for a profession for 65 years?
2. How old was John when he worked at the Minnesota Thresher Company?

3. In 1922, Runk patented an invention called:
4. What was John Runk's business motto?
5. What Stillwater cemetery is John Runk buried in?

The Sixties: Fashion & The Frontier

1. How old was Eliza Purinton when she arrived in the St. Croix Valley?
2. What was Melvin Kriesel's nickname?
3. Which airline did Nadine Pung work for as a flight attendant?
4. Who did the red sash on the Civil War-era uniform belong to?
5. By 1960, what percentage of women worked outside the home?

From the Woods to the World

1. What was the name of the treaty the Ojibwe signed with the U.S. government in 1837?
2. If your job was to keep a sled road in good shape, you might be called a:
3. Match the symbol to the name of the corresponding lumber company.

Isaac Staples

Sauntry & Cain

Edward P. Mackey

Yellow River Lumber Company



4. What was the original name of Cub Foods? (*hint – the answer is in the photo album!*)
5. How many feet of lumber did Stillwater's nine sawmills cut in 1876?
6. What year was the very first Lumberjack Days?

The Best Thing Since Sliced Bread: The Grocery Revolution in Washington County

1. Edward Johnson used a horse and the wagon that's on display to deliver groceries in warmer months. What kind of transportation did he use in the winter?
2. Felix's Grocery Store was a grocery store on Greeley Street. What school calls that building home today?
3. Name three things the Scandia Mercantile sold when it opened in 1879.
4. What TV show in the 1970s showed the main character shopping in a Red Owl grocery store?
5. What does the name "HAFA" stand for?
6. What did the name "CUB" Foods originally stand for?

Other fun history fact: A man named Charles Strite invented the pop-up toaster in Stillwater, Minnesota in 1919! Charles was sick of eating burnt toast all the time in the cafeteria at work, so he created a timing mechanism that would cause the toast to pop up automatically. He received the patent for his invention in 1921.