

Teachers: actor, songwriter and storyteller Richie Johnson is available to bring Iron Range history to life in your classroom as Cuyuna Range developer Cuyler Adams.

This extension of our museum tours and activities is available in age-appropriate presentations to local K-6 schools and can be customized to align with curriculum. The outline below touches on themes covered in the

## **INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION COMPLETE WITH DISCOVERY TRUNK CONTAINING ITEMS FROM THE PAST!**

### **I. THE LAND**

- A. The map showing the Iron Range
- B. Geology
  - 1. What minerals are here
  - 2. What do we use minerals for
- C. Natural Resources
  - 1. Timber history
  - 2. Water aquifers
  - 3. The three Iron Ranges

### **II. THE MINES**

- A. Underground and Open Pit
  - 1. Where were they, why?
- B. Mining Process
  - 1. Where does the taconite go? How is it used? What is made of steel?
- C. The future of iron ore/non-ferrous mining
  - 1. Natural ore to taconite
  - 2. Nickel, copper, magnetation, etc.

### **III. THE PEOPLE AT THE TURN OF THE LAST CENTURY**

- A. Immigration
  - 1. What was the immigrant experience
- B. Nationalities
  - 1. How many were there how did they live/get along
- C. Family Life
  - 1. What was it like to be a child/wife/husband at that time?

### **IV. THE WORK**

- A. What was it like to work in a mine?
- B. Why did unions form in the mines?
- C. How many jobs does mining support today?



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