

Worksheet 1-A
Video Discussion Questions

Birthplace of Minnesota's Taconite Industry

1. Where is the birthplace of taconite? Why?
2. Why did the early developers research the low-grade ore, taconite?
3. How can producing taconite be compared to recycling today?
4. What is the difference between taconite and red ore?
5. When did the first mining plant begin and how many tons were produced?
6. How was math and science used to develop the industry?
7. Why did the Babbitt plant close? What lessons were learned from this early plant?