

# Building America: Minnesota's Iron Range, U.S. Industrialization, and the Creation of a World Power



Minnesota's Iron Range supplied late 19th and 20th century America with the iron needed to fuel industrialization, economic expansion, and military might. Learn more at the Minnesota Humanities Center's weeklong seminar in Summer 2010, offered at no cost to educators from around the nation!

Sunday-Friday, June 13-18, 2010 *OR*  
Sunday-Friday, Aug. 1-6, 2010

Weeklong seminar for educators nationwide

## ABOUT THE IRON RANGE

80 percent of the iron ore that built Industrial America, including the Brooklyn Bridge and skyscrapers in cities such as Chicago and New York, was taken out of the ground on Minnesota's Iron Range.

To supply the American war effort during World War II, 188,310,000 tons of ore were extracted from the Minnesota Iron Range and was sent on to America's steel mills.

Since 1882, people from 46 different ethnic groups settled on the Minnesota Iron Range, an area that stretches only 100 miles long and 10 miles wide.

The Range was the impetus for some of the largest economic events in the U.S. in the early 20th century, which involved financial titans like J.D. Rockefeller, James J. Hill, Andrew Carnegie, and J.P. Morgan.



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The weeklong workshop will be based on national history standards and the national social studies standards. In addition, the workshop will be organized around three central

themes that align with those standards: 1) Natural History of the Landmark: Geography and Geology; 2) The Mines and their Contributions to American History; 3) and the People and the Mines (ethnicity and immigration).

This in-depth, residential workshop will provide educators with new knowledge for teaching American history in compelling and authentic ways. Participants will create resources using first person and archival evidence.

## REGISTRATION AND EXPENSES

Thanks to a generous donation from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), there is no registration fee for this program. Funding from the NEH will cover travel, lodging, and meal expenses for educators from around the nation to attend.

## TO APPLY

Detailed information and application materials are posted online at [www.ironrangeworkshop.org](http://www.ironrangeworkshop.org).

## QUESTIONS?

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## NORTHERN MINNESOTA POINTS OF INTEREST

Duluth Harbor

Soudan Underground Mine, where you will travel a half mile below the earth's surface.

Hull Rust Mahoning Mine, the world's largest open-pit iron ore mine.

Minnesota Discovery Center and Iron Range Research Center, one of the largest genealogical and local history collections in the upper Midwest.

Two Harbors Ore Docks: originally made of wood, the docks were rebuilt in 1911 of steel and are still in use today.

Photo on front courtesy of Iron Range Tourism Bureau