Discussion Questions

1. Fred Jones had an unusual childhood. What kinds of education did he have?

2. What were some of Fred Jones’ early inventions?

3. How did Fred Jones’ inventions lead him from Hallock to Minneapolis?

4. What personality traits or experiences might enable someone with little education or encouragement – like Fred Jones – to become as successful as he became? Do you know any people with similar traits or experiences?

Think About: Do you think Fred Jones would have been even more successful if he had received more education or had gone to engineering school? Why or why not?