

Essential Question

What is it like to work as a firefighter?

Vocabulary

- **Firehose** – A strong, flexible tube used by firefighters to spray water on fires.
- **Nozzle** – The part at the end of a firehose that controls the flow and direction of the water.
- **Ladder Truck** – A special fire truck with a long, extendable ladder used to reach high places like windows and roofs.
- **Turnout Gear** – The protective clothing firefighters wear, including coats, pants, boots, and helmets.
- **Air Tank (SCBA)** – A tank filled with clean air that firefighters wear on their backs so they can breathe in smoky or dangerous environments. (*SCBA stands for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus*)
- **Hydrant** – A water source found on the street that firefighters connect their hoses to in order to get water
- **Fire Extinguisher** – A handheld device that sprays chemicals to put out small fires.
- **Dispatch** – The communication center that sends firefighters to emergencies and tells them where to go.

Before Viewing

Have students jot down answers to the following questions:

- What does it mean to be a firefighter?
- What are the job duties of a firefighter?
- What is the typical work environment of a firefighter?
- What tools are used by a firefighter to do his/her daily tasks?
- What is the education required to be a firefighter?
- What are the skills necessary for being a firefighter?

While Viewing

Have students think about the “Before Viewing” questions and write down the correct answers

After Viewing Activities

Have students discuss in pairs or small groups their answers to the “Before Viewing Questions” as well as the Discussion Questions for this resource.

The Careers That Work collection contains various activities for each featured career.

Grades 4-7

Career Information Worksheet

Firefighter Training Poster Activity

Use these activities to stimulate discussion around the Firefighter career.

Grades 8-12

Career Presentation

Divide your class into groups and ask them to present on the various topics around the Firefighter career.