

Rescue Divers Teacher Tips

This Career Ideas Challenge features a career that kept the entire world riveted for weeks over the summer of 2018. Rescue divers in Thailand accomplished what many feared could never be done when they pulled a team of trapped soccer players out of the depths of a flooded cave. Use this activity to open a discussion about both this specific event as well as other courageous career options.



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DISCUSS

Ask students to share what they know about the Thailand event. This discussion can go in many directions and you may want to let students voice their reactions before turning the focus around to the role rescue divers played.

READ

Students can read the text about rescue divers out loud together (as a class or in teams) or on their own.

CHALLENGE #1: If You Had This Career...

Several questions prompt students to dig into essential information in a first person way that facilitates personal connections. Students can find answers to these questions by:

- Using Google (or another approved Internet search engine) to make specific queries like “what kind of training does a rescue diver need?” or “salary information for rescue divers.”
- Visiting career information websites like www.getmyfuture.org or www.mynextmove.org. Both of these websites are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor.
- If available, tapping into your school’s career development software platform (such as Career Cruising) or your state’s career and college information system (such as www.CFNC.org).

Ask students to imagine themselves in charge of a rescue situation like the one in Thailand. Challenge them to come up with different ways to approach such a rescue. They can use back side of the hand-out to list the options and think about other types of team members they might need to support the rescue effort.

For added effectiveness, you might want to have them compare their ideas with those used in the actual rescue. The Internet is full of fascinating accounts that can be found by using a search query of “how was Thailand soccer team rescued?”

EXTEND THE DISCUSSION

Use this career option as a way to open up discussion about other careers that require courage, daring, and extraordinary physical skills.

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